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# NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE

## *Business Exec Tichenor Begins Shaping GWU Business Students*

In the business world, many job applicants are tempted to embellish information on their applications or to fudge a little about the importance of previous positions. For Dr. Charles Tichenor, new distinguished chief executive-in-residence and professor of business at the Gardner-Webb School of Business, the problem is quite the contrary – there just isn't enough room to list all the very real, very impressive credentials he holds.

At age 18, he was a member of the U.S. Davis Cup Junior Tennis Team. At age 19, he graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and Naval Science and Tactics from Duke University after only 28 months of intensive study as assigned by the U.S. Navy. At age 21, after serving in the Pacific at the end of World War II, he began his business career as a management trainee for Kraft, Inc., working his way through the marketing, management, and personnel departments to eventually become Vice President for Marketing.

At age 41, he moved to New York City to work in the Fortune 1000 company, Champale Sparkling Beverages, Inc.,

where he became President and Chairman of the Board. At age 61, he made the move to education as Corporation Chief Executive and Professor of Management at Mississippi State University. At age 65, he was vice-chancellor at Elizabeth City State University. On his 70th birthday, his doctoral dissertation was reviewed by a committee from Duke University and his degree was conferred by

Berne University.

But as this man sits and listens to his myriad accomplishments being called out to him during a recent interview, he simply smiles when asked to sum up his life. He pauses, then says in a soft voice, "I sum up my life as satisfaction – satisfaction in my dedication to God, the safety of this nation and to my family."

Now, at age 71, Tichenor is a walking, talking resource who is full of information and excited to be the new kid on the block at Gardner-Webb with a lifetime of experiences, ideas, and enthusiasm to impart on its business students.

They say that experience is the best teacher. With his years of corporate service, this fellow certainly has a valuable perspective on what a student needs to consider when preparing for a career in business. Always the businessman, Tichenor says in a boardroom-like, detailed tone of voice, "Students must establish a serious work and study ethic and attempt to earn high grades. Recruiters from large corporations are given three requirements in their

search for trainees: 1) a specific major; 2) graduation in the top 25 percent of the class; and 3) some extracurricular activity.

Poor grades indicate lack of intelligence or lack of initiative. Neither are acceptable in the business world."

That attitude is something that has certainly already begun to carry





over to the students he teaches. That's why he's here.

He envisions his position as one that will work toward additional practical applications in the academic programs. This would include the coordination of additional lectures by senior corporate executives, visits by students to manufacturing plants and courses taught by CEOs. Tichenor also hopes to organize a GWU School of Business Board of Senior Executives from this region to interface with students and assist in providing practical learning opportunities. "I'd like these to be included in the GWU curriculum as a vehicle to broaden our student's business knowledge. The better graduate schools always involve such activity. Undergraduate institutions tend to omit these because professors simply do not have access to the CEOs. Here, we have that access and need to take advantage of it."

With such a history of exciting ventures and fast-lane living, you might wonder why Dr. Tichenor chose to relocate to Gardner-Webb. He cited GWU's reputation for Christian values and a mission of building character. When he saw the advertisement for a teaching position at the University, he recalled its reputation as a leader in Christian higher education from his early days in North Carolina. The religious affiliation was very appealing for him and his wife, who were equally impressed by the University's recent recognition as one of only 134 colleges and universities from among all of those in America to be distinguished as a character-building

institution by the John Templeton Foundation. "So often character is considered to be in opposition to the atmosphere of the business world. However, competition and character do not have to contradict one another. Competition is simply working hard to accomplish a goal. Competition and character can go hand-in-hand."

Take a close look at his past and you'll see why Tichenor feels this way. It seems from the beginning that he was always in

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- Dr. Charles Tichenor

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highly competitive situations, but situations that stressed integrity and discipline. He cites the training he received at Duke University in conjunction with the United States Naval Corps as proof.

"The Fuqua Graduate School at Duke University completed a survey that found that the classes of 1943-45 produced three times as many corporate chief executive officers as any time since," he notes. "The opportunity to study there at that time was unquestionably a factor in my good fortune and success in business."

And although he credits Duke with much of his success, Tichenor is quick to recognize Gardner-Webb University as a progressive program as well. "A reputation is built over many years. I feel in time that our undergraduate and graduate business programs here can compete very well with both Duke and Harvard Universities if we implement these additional practical applications."

Dr. Charles Tichenor is a man with experience – a man whose resume just seems to keep growing. And a man who simply wants the next generation of corporate executives to excel the way he has been fortunate to do. And while you sense that there's a fire underneath, his manner is extremely calm, gentle and polite.

That is what strikes you about Dr. Charles Tichenor. Some students peer at him with uncertainty, having heard that this was a man who has sat in the captain's seat of many a corporate ship ("I could just imagine walking into his class and him yelling at me the way you see CEOs acting on Wall Street," one student confessed). Tentative at first, the business majors soon learn that he is an example of how to succeed, and survive, in the business world while maintaining a graceful and gentlemanly demeanor.

But why not just hang it up and rest easy on a well-executed career?

In an articulate, well-spoken collection of thoughts, he says, "I tried to retire. I found it to be very distasteful to me. I love to work. Teaching is very stimulating to me. I feel as if I am accomplishing something."

# SINCE WE LAST MET

*A three-month summary  
of highlights on campus*

## GWU SCHOOL OF DIVINITY TAKES BOLD NEW STEP IN CURRICULUM

### *New Options To Include Church Music, Christian Education*

The GWU School of Divinity in Fall 1998 will become the first Cooperative Baptist Fellowship partner institution to offer both church music and Christian education degrees within its Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program.

Approved by the School of Divinity and the University's Board of Trustees, the move to expand the offerings within the Master of Divinity program will allow GWU to serve a wider variety of men and women seeking diverse roles in the ministry. A core of classes within the M.Div. program would be required of all students, with the option to then choose from a pastoral, Christian education or church music course of study to complete the degree.

Faculty are in place to make this move in the area of Christian education, said Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean of the GWU School of Divinity. "Only one additional faculty member to teach church music is needed to support that degree program," he explained. "Because GWU features strong undergraduate programs in Christian education and music, and with many of those faculty members being theologically trained, the transition to these new degree programs will occur more easily."

students seeking the church music and Christian education options within a Master of Divinity program, but none were available. We're proud to be a trendsetter with the expansion of this degree but, most of all, we are thankful for the opportunity to provide more educational options to those entering the ministry."

The Master of Divinity degree is the basic professional degree recognized by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) for the education of ministers. The M.Div. program at Gardner-Webb requires 90 semester hours to complete the degree. The GWU School of Divinity features eight full-time faculty and six adjunct faculty. It enrolls approximately 120 students.

## GWU PRESIDENT RECEIVES HONOR IN RUSSIA *World-Famous Music School Site For Presentation*

GWU President Dr. Chris White in December traveled to Russia to become the recipient of only the fourteenth honorary doctorate of musical arts ever given by the world-famous Moscow State Conservatory in its 131-year history. White is the first American university president to receive the honor. Formally named after Peter Tchaikovsky, the Moscow State Conservatory has long been recognized as the most prestigious school in the world for training musicians.

Stacy added that the move is simply an effort by the School of Divinity to educate more people who have committed themselves to full-time Christian service, and in a variety of disciplines. "We have been approached time and again by prospective

The presentation took place in the renowned Rachmaninov Concert Hall on campus during a ceremony that was attended by distinguished guests from several countries, as well as faculty and students from the school. The degree recognizes White's contributions to the field of musical arts and the humanities, said the presenter and Conservatory rector, Mikhail Ovchinnikov. It also recognizes the unprecedented growth of GWU under White's leadership since 1986, Ovchinnikov noted, and it illustrates the desire of the Moscow State Conservatory to reach out and form collaborative relationships with American universities that have significant musical arts programs.

White and Ovchinnikov have announced that a product of their relationship will be an exchange agreement between the two institutions to begin in 1998 resulting in faculty and students spending semesters at the respective schools.

White theorizes that his connection with the Conservatory is due mainly to the fact that he himself is a musician as well as an administrator, holding a deep appreciation for the arts throughout his



lifetime. As an accomplished pianist, White has conveyed this love to the University, having directed several major fine arts efforts during his tenure at GWU such as the addition of a one-of-a-kind, 40-bell carillon on campus and the securing of a nine-foot Steinway concert grand piano for the University's Dover

Theatre. White also is currently active in coordinating funding for a new fine arts facility on campus.

"I am flattered and honored personally, and receiving this honor has had a profound effect on me," White said upon returning from the trip. "But I am most thrilled for Gardner-Webb University, for this documents Gardner-Webb's arrival on the international educational scene."

Moscow State Conservatory, whose rector reports directly to the Russian prime minister, enrolls over 1,000 students each year from around the world. Competition for enrollment is fierce, since only the most gifted students are admitted. Its current faculty boasts of recognized artists in piano, organ, voice, wind and string instruments, composition and musicology.

## DIXON ANNOUNCES RETURN TO ADMINISTRATION

### *Cleveland County Native To Begin Second Stint With University*

Ralph W. "Scoot" Dixon Jr. has re-joined the Gardner-Webb administration as of January 1998 as vice president for enrollment management. Dixon, who upon accepting this position in November announced his resignation as executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, was previously employed on the GWU senior staff for eight years.

His duties at Gardner-Webb include overseeing the University's financial aid process, admissions standards, and the effective recruitment of qualified students into all undergraduate and graduate disciplines. He filled the position that was vacated by Dr. Robert Shackelford this fall.

President Chris White explained, "Scoot Dixon's managerial and administrative skills, as well as his strong background in business and finance, fit perfectly with the standard we have set for ourselves in attracting and assisting the best possible students for our University. It's a pleasure to welcome him back into the Gardner-Webb family."

White also noted that the admissions duties at the University are crucial to its success, and that Dixon's familiarity with the institution's mission and its people were important factors in his appointment. "It is vital," White said, "to have someone in this position who is knowledgeable about our goals and our desire to continue growing and prospering. Scoot, having invested many years of his life in Gardner-Webb, brings these qualities to the table."

"My career has taken me to many exceptional organizations in North Carolina, but nothing can replace being a part of a vibrant, Christian-oriented university where you serve young people," Dixon said. "My heart has been at Gardner-Webb since the day I first stepped on this campus, and I am most fulfilled when I am able to use my gifts and abilities here."

A native of Fallston in Cleveland County, Dixon was recently married to the former Myra Blackwelder of Cherryville. The couple plan to make their home in nearby Shelby.



# GWU A TOP SCHOLARSHIP SCHOOL

## *More National Recognition In Store*

Scoot Dixon has a large task ahead of him as the new vice president for enrollment management, but some recent news about Gardner-Webb's scholarship offerings should make his new job a bit easier.

*The Student Guide to America's Best College Scholarships: 1998-1999*, published by John Culler & Sons, currently is being distributed all over the country and calls Gardner-Webb one of the best scholarship providers in the United States. Only 93 institutions qualified to be included in this list from among 1,658 American colleges and universities.

A two-page spread in the book calls attention to GWU as a university that gives the most attractive merit-based scholarships to qualified students. John Culler, publisher of the book, said, "If you're a supporter of Gardner-Webb, or if you're a parent or student looking at this institution, you are going to love this book. After its release, recruiting America's best academic prospects will never again be the same."

Culler went on to say that a new standard has been set by which all colleges and universities will be measured. "The expectations will be raised for other schools if they expect to compete with you for the cream of the crop."

High school guidance counselors are being briefed about the significance of this list, Culler added, in order to explain the differences between schools like Gardner-Webb, which offer highly regarded scholarships, and those schools that aren't able to quite deliver the value in financial aid that certain students are seeking.

Other institutions mentioned among the select group in the book include Arizona State University, Furman University, Emory University, Baylor University, University of Georgia, Hillsdale College, the College of Charleston and the University of Miami.



# LONGTIME TRUSTEE PASSES AWAY

## Hobart Smith Remembered As Notable Leader

Gardner-Webb University lost a great part of its history on November 29, when Hobart C. Smith passed away after suffering a stroke. He was 73.

For over 30 years, Smith lent his guidance and support to the University as a trustee, and nearly half of those years



HOBART SMITH  
1924 - 1997

were spent as chairman of the GWU board. Most likely, when Smith was not chair of the trustees, he dutifully served as vice-chair. The University honored him for his unyielding

service with the honorary doctorate in 1986.

He founded Hobart Smith Construction Company in 1960 and served as president and CEO of the organization until his retirement. His career was a stellar one, as he was first vice president and branch manager of Durham Bank and Trust Co. (now Central Carolina Bank), then as Mebane Lumber Company's business manager before beginning his own construction company. Smith also served his country in the Air Force for three years.

But Hobart Smith's essence was within his strong Christian beliefs and efforts. Besides being a prominent leader at University Hills Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and Sunday School teacher and on various committees, Smith was also a Christian who took seriously his duty to spread the Word of God. He was active in the North Carolina Baptist Men, having been elected state president in 1985. And, as a result of a trip taken to Brazil in 1968, Smith worked tirelessly with the Rev.

David Gomes of Rio de Janeiro to start many needed churches and programs in that area. Later, in 1985, Smith worked with a local minister in South Brazil to begin three more churches there. Until his passing, he continued to be involved with this area as a continuing ministry.

His professional, spiritual and personal activities are too numerous to recount, friends say, but all agree that Smith gave of himself freely and in a Christlike manner. Whether at home or abroad, Hobart Smith, said one acquaintance, "let others see Jesus in him."

Dr. Chris White recalls many fond memories of Smith, especially noting that Smith was chair of the presidential search committee that brought White to GWU. "Much like Lloyd Bost, Hobart had a passion for this school. Though he never attended here, you would have never known it because the growth and success of Gardner-Webb, and Christian higher education, was a priority in his life. You don't replace people like Hobart Smith and Lloyd Bost – you simply thank God for all they accomplished for your institution and how they laid a solid foundation for generations to come."

Smith is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and four grown children – Elizabeth Ann, Hobart Jr., Charles A., and Richard Kevin.

## POWERFUL LEADERS SPEAK OUT ON CAMPUS

### Students Benefit From Messages

More and more, the presence of influential and respected personalities from around the nation and the globe is becoming commonplace at Gardner-Webb. Recently three of the most powerful leaders in their fields imparted knowledge and wisdom on GWU students.

• **Stephen Lynn**, whose claim to fame before becoming CEO of Shoney's Inc. was making Sonic restaurants into the largest drive-thru chain in the Southwest, traveled to campus from his Nashville, Tennessee, headquarters to encourage students to keep priorities straight when embarking on a career. Although he was head of a multimillion-

dollar company by the time he was 29, he said he put his job ahead of everything else in life, including his marriage. When his wife confronted him with this, he realized it was time for a change, and becoming a born-again Christian soon followed. He added that even if you have experienced poverty or hardship in your life (both of which he remembers in his own life) there's no excuse for putting the desire for success ahead of your spirituality and morality.

Lynn obviously practices what he preaches – he made time to deliver his speech at GWU on a day an important meeting of his Board of Directors was being held in Nashville later that afternoon.

"In the end," said Lynn, "it's going to be about the people you loved, the relationships you had and what you added to other people's lives."

• **Dan Bechter**, senior VP for the Federal Reserve Bank, admitted to a GOAL class that most people who grow up following the economy and banking issues have a tendency to misunderstand the Federal Reserve Bank. "Mostly that's because we're the only organization able to create money out of thin air – that's where the mistrust and criticism comes from. But you have to realize that we may be the most closely scrutinized organization in the world."

The professional economist-turned-senior vice president says he is very positive about the current strength of the economy in the United States and, surprisingly, the Federal Reserve hasn't influenced this trend as much as the private investor, both at home and abroad. "Inflation is down, and so is unemployment, making our economy something people want to be a part of, especially foreign investors – we're a safe haven for them. I wish I could take credit for the strong showing we're having, but I can't."

• **Philip Vander Elst**, a former policy-developer for Margaret Thatcher in Britain, finds himself spreading the message on select college campuses "Just Say No – To A European Superstate." Fearing the loss of control of currencies, trade issues and land usage, Vander Elst says Britain has nothing to gain and everything to lose by consolidating with the likes of France and Germany, an issue



that is currently on the minds of many European politicians and citizens.

"Many times this process is followed under the guise of financial strength, but often you'll find that military strength is a motivation. If not for the sake of military, it might be that a country like Germany simply favors this consolidation because it knows it will be the controlling party in the agreement, especially in regard to which form of money the superstate will use."

All three men were influenced to speak to GWU students because of the rise in Gardner-Webb's regional status. One of the speakers noted, "Great things are happening here, and you're producing students who are going to be successful and driven and respected themselves. It's a place where people like us come to be heard."

*Floyd Williams (left) of Time Warner presents a gift to GWU Noel Program students and the program's director, Sharon Jennings*



## VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS GET ASSISTANCE

Time Warner Cable will give \$10,000 over the next five years to benefit visually impaired students within the GWU Noel Program for the Disabled.

Sharon Jennings, director of the Noel Program, says the money will be used to purchase computer programs and equipment that will give visually impaired students access to the advanced technology that's being implemented on campus. "These programs will allow a student to work independently in the library and in computer labs," she says. "Students will be able to do research while on the Internet, just as our sighted students. They will also be able to print materials in Braille, if needed. In fact, the only assistance our visually impaired students

will need in the library is for someone to pull the material from the shelf."

Floyd Williams, manager of Time Warner in Shelby, N.C., made the formal

presentation of the gift at a gathering on campus.

The gift will purchase six computer items, which include: JAWS, a program that provides speech and Braille output; DECtalk, a voicebox or internal speech synthesizer; Duxbury Braille translator, which allows the user to printout in Braille; Blazer embosser, which is the Braille printer; CCTV will enlarge print materials to any size; and Zoom text will enlarge print on a computer screen. The new equipment should be operational this year.

"Since 1982 the University has provided support services that integrate the visually disabled students into all facets of university life including classrooms, residence halls and social activities," says Jennings. "This new technology will take that a step further in giving students an equal opportunity to develop academic excellence, self-confidence and ultimately enhance their employability."

Time Warner's gift is in support of the GWU \$30 million "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" capital campaign. It follows another recent gift to the campaign in which First Citizens Bank has pledged a \$7,500 gift over a three-year period.

## SOFTWARE GRANT SETS GWU APART

### *Campus To Be Used For Demonstration And Training*

Computer software publisher, Quark Inc., in Denver, Colorado, has awarded software valued at more than \$114,000 to GWU. Quark has awarded only three such grants in its history. The other two went to Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and the University of Memphis.

"This will allow students in communication studies to get real-life experience," says Bob Carey, instructor of

electronic publishing and photojournalism. "Some of the software they're giving us allows the journalism student to write, layout and design. It is the same software used in an actual newsroom so the students will have learned on the real thing."

Carey adds, "News writing students can act as reporters while their teacher serves as editor. They can then send their work to my class for copy editing, as if they're in an actual newsroom."

This is a major grant for Quark, says Carey. "They were actually looking for a recipient when I called them, and they were extremely interested in awarding a grant to a smaller university."

Representatives of Quark will visit the Gardner-Webb campus this year and

because of the new state-of-the-art MacIntosh computer lab at GWU, Quark would like to use the campus as a demonstration and training site.

The grant will mean \$114,420 worth of several computer software programs for the University. Dr. Ted Vaughn, chairman of the communication studies department, says, "This software will set our program apart from any other in the country. We've come a long way since the program was established in 1984."

Communications instructor Vic Costello called the grant and the new electronic publishing major an important building block for the department. Quark publishes several software programs, such as QuarkXPress, used in the news and graphic design industries.

# A FRAGRANCE IN A FOREIGN LAND

## Missionaries Recall Dramatic Service

The names Bert and Debbie Ayers may not be familiar to you, but if you listen to their stories as missionaries to Albania, your heart will no doubt be touched.

A very special chapel service was held recently on campus for divinity students and visitors alike who came to hear the couple recall an extraordinary four years of service thus far in Albania. On furlough, the husband and wife team await their next assignment in that part of the world. However, the telling of their story in their native United States may have an equally resounding effect.

Alternating back and forth as they spoke to the crowd, the Ayers began by stating first that "God has a purpose for all of us," and following by proclaiming, "we are all missionaries." The couple was sent by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to Albania to coordinate several agricultural projects after Bert had made a trip there and returned deeply moved by what he witnessed. Accepting this call, the couple and their children "planted" themselves in the middle of a region that had traditionally been closed off to all religious freedoms but recently had become a largely Orthodox, Muslim and Catholic region.

As Debbie recalls, if this were not a big enough adjustment for the

family, news of Bert developing cancer also presented a difficult challenge for them. It was, as she says, a "time to bring into focus our priorities, and to realize what's important." Explaining that a miracle took place, Bert had an eight-and-a-half-pound tumor removed from his body. The couple believes this was a sign that the Lord has all things in control and that their mission to Albania was the right direction for them.

Having just voted in a democracy before the Ayers arrived, Albanians expected instant riches and success as a nation, hoping to become like America. But pyramid schemes and dishonest investment ventures that began to run rampant and promise wealth ran afoul. The people rebelled and Debbie says, "It was anarchy, a society filled with weapons and unrest."

Killing and a disregard for human life was everywhere and the difficult



decision to leave the country had to be made.

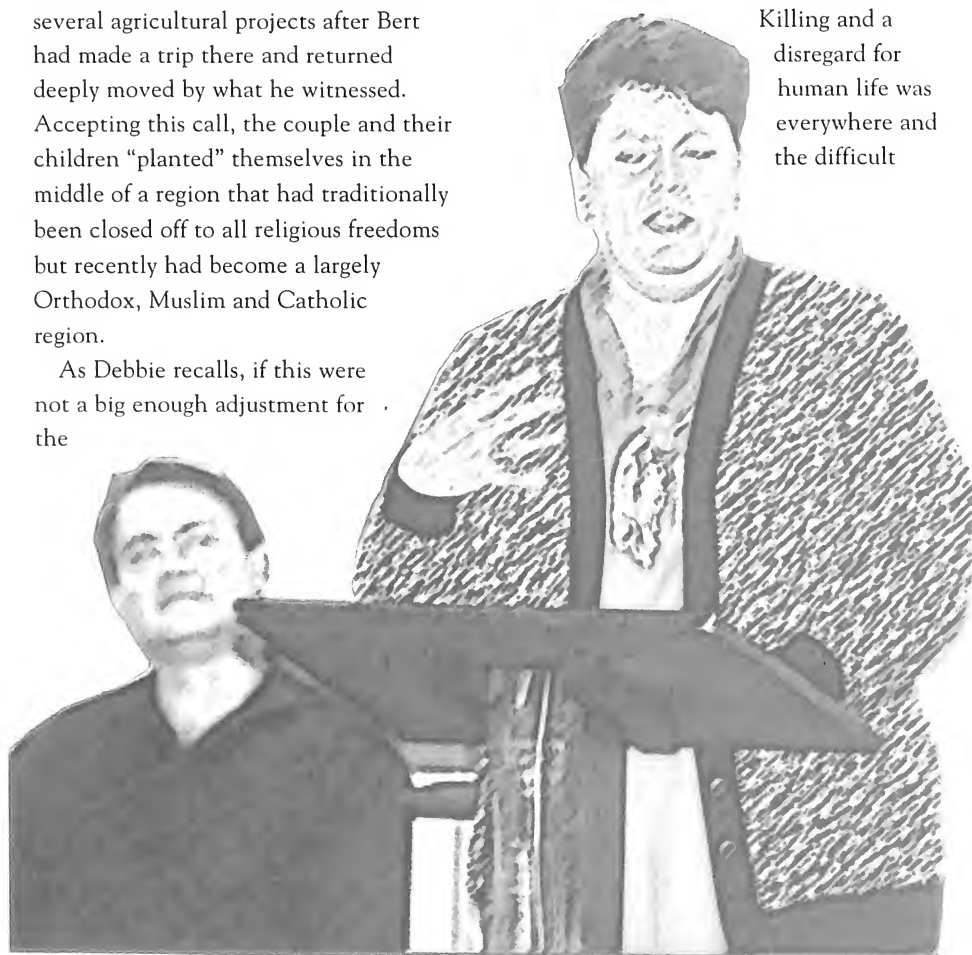
The Ayers and other missionaries seeking to flee found themselves left behind by aircraft and sailing vessels also hoping to escape danger. While awaiting some form of transportation out of the country near the docks of a port, Debbie was struck in the back of the head by a bullet.

In the confusion that followed, Bert didn't realize the severity of the wound until he began comforting Debbie and saw her losing a large amount of blood. Needing to find a hospital quickly, the Ayers and their driver sought the quickest way to the nearest facility. Seemingly out nowhere, they recalled, an Albanian man appeared and offered to guide them. Bert confesses that he never really looked at the man closely, but remembers the man pointing and saying to the driver when and where to turn.

Over rough terrain and land that had no roads, the car made it to the hospital several minutes quicker than was expected – and all due to the help of this mystery person.

As Debbie was being treated (she made a successful recovery), the driver went to thank the man who had guided them to the hospital. He was nowhere to be found, disappearing into the landscape without a word.

Debbie says simply, "That day, we had met ourselves an Albanian angel."



## February

- 17 DIMENSIONS, Philip and Shantel Vestal of Adopt-a-People Ministries in Charlotte speak at 9:25 and 10:25 a.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 17 GWU Wrestling vs. Anderson at Home.
- 18 GWU Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Carson-Newman at Home at 5:45 pm.
- 19-23 Musical: A Day in Hollywood; A Night in the Ukraine, 8:00 p.m. (except on the 22nd at 2:30 p.m.) in the Dover Theatre.
- 20 GWU Wrestling vs. Duke at Home
- 24 DIMENSIONS: Bob Inman, author and former tv news anchor from Charlotte speaks at 9:25 a.m. in the LYCC.

## March

- 3 DIMENSIONS: Ralph Gardner Conservation Lecture by Jim Shores of Black Mountain at 9:25 and 10:25 a.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 17 DIMENSIONS: E. Glenn Wagner of Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte speaks at 9:25 and 10:25 a.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 24 C.O. Greene Lecture on Pastoral Ministry (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.): Andrew Lester, professor at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University speaks in Ritch Banquet Hall
- 24 GWU Concert Choir, 8:00 p.m. in the Dover Theatre.

## April

- 2 Year of the Scholar Lecture by Dr. Christopher J. Austin, missionary-in-residence from West Africa, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dover Campus Center.
- 7 Holy Week Service: Krista Sheppard, interpretative dancer, 9:25 and 10: 25 a.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 9 GWU Chorale Concert at 8:00 p.m. in Dover Chapel.
- 14 DIMENSIONS: Anne Davis, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaks at 9:25 a.m. in the LYCC.
- 16-20 GWU Theatre: The Elephant Man, 8:00 p.m. (except Sunday at 2:30) in the Dover Theatre.
- 21 GWU Symphonic Band performs at 8:00 p.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 26 GWU Choral Union Concert is at 4:30 p.m. in the Dover Theatre.
- 27 GWU University/Community Concert is at 8:00 p.m. in the Dover Theatre.

## May

- 9 Spring Commencement at 10:00 a.m. in the LYCC

# *Spring Calendar of Events*



# WEB SPORTS

## STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED WITH SPORTS AWARD RECEPTION

Gardner-Webb Vice President for Athletics Chuck Burch emceed the first Fall Sports Award Reception ever at Paul Porter Arena. GWU has traditionally held an athletics banquet at the conclusion of the season to honor all athletes but opted for two separate receptions at the close of 1997.

Special recognition was given to the football program's turnaround from 2-9 to this season's 8-3 record under first-year head coach Steve Patton and the 1997 South Atlantic Conference regular-season and tournament champion volleyball team. Under second-year coach Angell Kirkpatrick, the women netted a school record 31-7 won-loss record.

Listed below are the team award winners:

**WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY –**  
MVP: Emily Harrelson; Most Improved:  
Christina Cox

**MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY – MVP:**  
Walter Miller; Most Improved: Dan  
Steadman

**WOMEN'S SOCCER –** Offensive  
Player of Year: Elizabeth Stojetz;  
Defensive Player of Year: Elizabeth  
Neurdenburg; Player of the Year: Melissa  
Meeks; Most Improved: Lisa Otto

**VOLLEYBALL –** Most Valuable  
Player: Heather Hauser; Player of the  
Year: Kathy Smith; Unsung Hero: Jodi  
Baughn

**FOOTBALL –** Leadership Award:  
Rashad Bratton; Best Offensive Lineman:  
Ben Fuller; Best Defensive Lineman:  
Rashad Bratton and Chris Mintz; Best  
Offensive Back/Receiver: Eric Harris and  
Tyrone McGill; Best Defensive Back,  
Linebacker: Ventress Williams; Special

Teams Player of the  
Year: Trey Greene,  
Kareem Jordan;  
Co-Captains: Kevin  
Cruise, Josh Low and

Tim Dasher; Christian Athlete Award:  
Brian Brooks; Most Valuable Player:  
Clint Conner

**MEN'S SOCCER –** Player of the Year:  
Rodney Keith; Defensive Player of the  
Year: Ryan Wallace; Offensive Player of  
the Year: Vince Bueno; Most Improved:  
Kysten Riley

## FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL SOAR TO TOP

### *New Coaches Had The Fans Cheering Again*

Turn back the page to a year ago, or even two years ago. Chances are you wouldn't be reading about the phenomenal success of the GWU football and volleyball programs. But two fresh faces on campus have changed all that – and brought more than just a winning attitude to the University.

They brought results.

Steve Patton and Angell Kirkpatrick arrived on campus with their work cut out for them. Patton sought to revive a struggling football team when he was named head coach a year ago. Kirkpatrick had to somehow relay her own fiery, competitive spirit to an ailing program as well, one that had experienced very few wins, much less a winning season in recent memory.

Both, you might say, have proven their worth in a hurry. Patton, playing mostly with athletes he didn't recruit and finding a way to get them to buy into his system, put together the third-best season in the football team's history this year. He raced to a 8-3 record and sent the elite of the South Atlantic Conference scrambling to prepare for what is looking like a powerhouse in the making at GWU.

Kirkpatrick took just two years to reach the primary goal she set for herself as a new volleyball

coach in 1995 – she won the conference's regular season title (the first in GWU history) and then rolled to a SAC tournament crown as well (also a GWU first), leading the team to a school record of 31-7. And although it wasn't a goal of hers, she earned Coach of the Year honors in the process as well. She has compiled a 58-17 record over two years at GWU, winning 77 percent of her matches.

Observers say that while both coaches are relatively new to the GWU scene, the two can hardly be compared due to one rather large factor – Kirkpatrick has had one additional year to recruit her own players, something that made all the difference in the world this past fall. For example, newcomer Linette Ramseur stepped right in like a seasoned veteran and was named SAC freshman of the year.

And while Patton had some limited time to recruit a few of his own players, he admits a full off-season of recruiting in 1998 should help him build a strong squad into a dominating team. "Although we lost to Carson-Newman," Patton notes, "I came away from that game feeling that we really don't have that far to go to measure up to the best. That's a good feeling to have so soon into a new job."

Kirkpatrick, however, now has to battle the old cliché that it's easier to get to the top than to stay there. But if you saw the Lady Bulldogs mow down the competition in the SAC tournament this year, you know that the team and its vocal coach seem to welcome the high expectations.

Congratulations are well-deserved for both Patton and Kirkpatrick. That winning spirit is back.



## CHEERLEADERS EARN SPOT TO COMPETE NATIONALLY

Gardner-Webb's two cheerleading squads have both received bids to compete nationally in the Spring.

According to GWU cheerleading coach Dee Pollard, it is the first time ever either squad has received a bid. Both co-ed and all-female squads, a total of 21 cheerleaders, will travel to Daytona Beach, Florida, the first week of April 1998.

And while the deposit for their trip has been secured, the squads are working feverishly to raise the remainder of the funds needed to make the trip. Coach Dee Pollard asks that GWU supporters who would like to lend assistance, make donations, or provide sponsorships to the teams should contact the Athletics Office at 704-434-4340. "We would be very grateful to any person who might help us realize our dream of going to the nationals. I am sure that this experience will be a part of our lives forever." In seeking a bid, squads submitted a videotape to the National Cheerleading Association. Of the 22 tapes that were submitted by co-ed, Division II schools, only 15 teams received bids and Gardner-Webb ranked 7th among those. Of the 30 videos submitted by all-female squads, 21 were taken and Gardner-Webb ranked 21st. Because this category combines all athletic divisions, the squad will be competing against squads from colleges such as the University of North Carolina, Florida State and Oklahoma State.

Pollard says this year's squads have a large number of veterans and have grown with the addition of newcomers. "These are two of the best squads I've coached in terms of skill and personality."

## WORLD TRAVELER, WORLD-CLASS PLAYER

How do you get from Lithuania to Columbia, South Carolina ... from South Carolina to Cleveland, Ohio ... and from Ohio to Gardner-Webb University?

At least one Gardner-Webb freshman knows. Vaida Turauskaite came to Columbia, South Carolina, two-and-a-half years ago as a high school junior exchange student. While she may not have known the English language at the time she moved to Columbia (she now speaks it and five other languages fluently), she did know the universal language of basketball. She immediately knew she wanted to join the team at her new school in America.

After her first season of play began, Gardner-Webb's own Eddie McCurley – coach of the Lady Bulldogs – heard of Turauskaite's outstanding playing style and began recruiting her, even after she moved to Cleveland, Ohio, for her senior year of high school. Now McCurley believes that all that hard work paid off. An 18-year-old freshman, Turauskaite has led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring for most of the '97-98 season.

How is Turauskaite such a strong player at such a young age? Maybe it has something to do with her background in Lithuanian basketball. "In Lithuania we don't have seasons for basketball – we play all year," Turauskaite said. "I still play for a national team in Lithuania every summer when I go home."

A world traveler and a world-class basketball player, Vaida Turauskaite certainly isn't your typical college freshman.



## GENTRY PRESSES TO IMPROVE

"I feel that if I don't set my expectations high, I won't ever reach them."

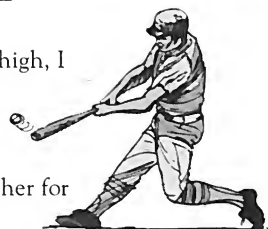
While these may be empty words for most people, they serve as a life creed for Wes Gentry, Gardner-Webb junior and catcher for the Bulldogs baseball squad.

Gentry, who has been catching since he was five years old, has played in organized leagues for 15 years. And he's become accustomed to having awards and expectations heaped upon him.

His junior and senior years as a catcher for Tavewell High School in Tavewell, Virginia, Gentry was all-conference. His senior year, he was the all-region catcher. His team won a region championship in 1995, placing them third in the state. As a sophomore at Gardner-Webb, Gentry had a .985 fielding percentage at his catcher's position. He was named all-conference after breaking the record for most doubles at GWU and being one RBI away from breaking the school's record for runs batted in.

Gentry said that while he tries to maintain a "team focus", being named all-conference was an honor for him. "When you get a reward like that for yourself, it shows that hard work pays off."

Even with all of these accomplishments and being named as an all-conference catcher, Gentry still believes he has room for improvement. "I feel like I'm a lot more experienced these days," Gentry said. "My freshman and sophomore years I started but I didn't have a lot of control over defense. I feel like I have more of a leadership role – I'm going to have to step up and take control."



## MASON HAS BEATEN THE ODDS

"You look at him and you wish you could sit every player out for a year."



This is not a statement you would normally expect to hear from Gardner-Webb men's basketball coach, Rick Scruggs. But Scruggs is talking about shooting guard Dusty Mason – a young man who made his biggest improvement as a player while sitting on the bench.

After a strong first year, Mason came to Gardner-Webb the summer before his sophomore year for basketball camp. It was there, during a scrimmage between the junior varsity team and the coaches, that he tore ligaments in his ankle. Due to the severity of the injury, Mason was forced to be red-shirted and sit out his sophomore season.

During that season, Mason went to work. He began lifting weights, increasing his weight from 190 to 220. He also sat on the sidelines at every game with Coach Scruggs. "I got to see things from a sideline view," Mason said. "I saw what the coach was saying and saw how things worked. I got a better understanding of what he was talking about ... things made more sense to me."

This year, Mason has been the leading scorer for the Bulldogs throughout the season, an achievement that has impressed Coach Scruggs. "It's very unusual for a kid to sit out for a year and come back and lead the team in scoring," Scruggs said. "I've been in it 19 years and this is the quickest I've seen anyone come back. He started out the beginning of the season like he'd never sat out."

According to Scruggs, Mason is having an all-conference year. "He's quickly turning into one of the best players in the league."

# FACULTY & STAFF

## "THE TEXT BEGAN TO COME TO LIFE" *A Unique Approach To Bible Study*

Imagine the impact an Old Testament lecture would have if it were delivered by Abraham or Isaiah. Surely religion students could catch a glimpse more clearly of the thoughts behind the words of authors of biblical text. Disputes of context and meaning would be diminished.

While this may be impossible, Gardner-Webb's Dr. Stephen Hearne comes about as close as you can get to the real thing. He dresses in authentic costume, transforms his identity and, posing as a genuine character of the Bible, teaches in a manner that generates deep thought about the motives and message of the scriptures.

About 15 years ago, Hearne recognized a need to involve his students more intensively in the study of the scriptures. He entered his Old Testament Survey classroom at North Greenville College as the character of Abraham. He delivered a monologue based on scripture that exposed the distinctly

human element. The response was tremendous. Students saw the relevance and reality of the scriptures. The text began to come to life for them. Now, Hearne continues to develop his repertoire of characters from both the Old and New Testaments. His creative teaching ministry has expanded as he is invited to present monologues and generate discussions in various classrooms, churches, and Christian events.

Hearne, who is now director of admissions for the GWU School of Divinity, is motivated by a desire to see people actively study the scriptures. "I see my primary role as challenging Christians to be 'thinking Christians' and take the text seriously. When I am finished with a monologue, I am most pleased when a discussion emanates." Hearne considers his ministry a process. "When a lightbulb goes on and someone



has a new idea about the motivation of the scriptures, I consider it and pray about it and it may change my monologue." None of Hearne's routines are in print. While you can almost follow them in the text, he changes the emotions and thoughts of the character as new insight is revealed.

And this ministry is more than an outreach – the time spent in study and preparation for his dialogues is a vehicle

## PARTAIN SAYS STUDENTS NEED CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Jack Partain became a professor of religious studies at GWU nearly 15 years ago. He's seen changes not only in the physical aspect of campus but in the educational and religious climates as well. "A good educator will adapt to the changes around him or her," he says. "I think I do it, though unconsciously, because I've had to all my life."

As the child of missionary parents, Partain moved frequently with his family and became accustomed to change. Prior to teaching at Gardner-Webb, he was an instructor in East Africa. And he's excited that four GWU students will travel to Africa during the 1998 fall semester for 15 weeks of study. "We need to give our students a cultural experience in learning so they can appreciate their own culture as well as others."

As part of this new program being administered by Baylor University, one of Partain's alma maters, students will spend time in Kenya and Tanzania, the same countries where Partain was a teacher and continues to visit. Partain and 16

other faculty and staff members will also tour those countries at the end of the current spring semester.

The students will study through the University of Nairobi, though there is no actual affiliation between the universities. "Those students will bring back an enthusiasm for cross-cultural experiences and inject into our life an international perspective. They will identify more with our own international students."

A past recipient of the Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award, Partain believes educators must attempt to give their students a cultural perspective but sees yet another important task before. "We must teach our students how to learn. If they can learn how to learn, they've gotten an education, otherwise they've just been to school," says Partain.

Partain says teachers who are on top of their discipline and available to students are most effective. As a result, Partain is exactly what he says he tries not to be: "a popular teacher who attracts a crowd of students."



for personal growth. His favorite character portrayal is of a scribe at the Sermon on the Mount. Through this role he has raised many interesting questions and deepened his understanding of this important passage. One day, he would like to do a series dealing with the Apocalypse. "I know it would be impossible to capture the essence of this scripture in one setting. But, this passage is so mysterious and so intriguing that a portrayal would definitely increase my understanding."

The most touching moment in the course of his ministry came as a result of a phone call from an old friend. Although his friend served as a university chaplain and was an active member of a local church, his oldest son had never been interested in the church. After attending one of Dr. Hearne's services, the son joined the church. He told his father, "I've come to realize that you don't have to leave your mind at the door to be a Christian." According to Hearne, "This statement still gives me chills and humbles me deeply. For someone to realize that Christianity is an active faith is my mission with this ministry."

## GWU PROFESSOR NAMED OUTSTANDING N.C. CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

### *State Award Presented To Former Divinity Dean*

The North Carolina Baptist Religious Educators Association (NCBREA), a statewide organization, has honored Gardner-Webb's Bob Lamb as the outstanding Christian educator in North Carolina.

The formal presentation of the Perry Langston Christian Educator Award was made at the recent meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Lamb, who was the founding dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity, was cited for his many years of preparing and training people for the ministry by the NCBREA selection committee.

Lamb, who was succeeded in 1997 as dean by Dr. Wayne Stacy, remains on the University faculty and is continuing to lead a process he began to gain full accreditation for the School of Divinity through the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Lamb is also part of an innovative new approach to theological education through a partnership between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and seminaries in South Africa. Lamb departed in December to teach at Cape Town Theological Seminary as part of a faculty exchange program that brought Dr. Gerhard Venter from South Africa to the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity through the Summer of 1998.

Bonnie Doughtie, chairman of the selection committee that gives the outstanding educator award, said, "Dr. Lamb was an obvious choice for us in regard to his service not only at Gardner-Webb and its School of Divinity, but to Christian higher education in the state of North Carolina."



## FOCUS ON THE FACULTY

• Dr. Gary Chandler, associate professor of Health Education and Physical Education, recently had a research abstract published in the Fall issue of *The North Carolina Journal*. Also, the publication of the North Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance published an abstract from his research, "An Interpretation of the Status of the Prescribed Role and Mission of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Historically Christian Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities." He also recently reviewed a chapter in the upcoming book, *Drug Perspective*, for McGraw Hill Publishers.

• Dr. June Hobbs, assistant professor of English, recently had her book, *I Sing For I Cannot Be Silent: The Feminization of American Hymnody*, released by the University of Pittsburgh Press.

• Lynn Keeter, assistant professor of English, has received certification as a development education specialist from the Kellogg Institute. She was one of 40 educators in the nation chosen to participate for the 1996-97 academic year.

• Tom English, assistant professor of Physics and Astronomy and director of the Williams Observatory, was published in the Sept. 1997 issue of *Language and Learning Across the Discipline*. He was also presenter at the January conference of the American Astronomical Association in Washington, D.C.

• Dr. Patrick Canupp, assistant professor of mathematics, had his work included in a new mathematics textbook entitled, *Computer Modeling: From Sports to Spaceflight...From Order to Chaos*, which was published in December.

# STUDENTS

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## WHAT'S IN A SCHOLARSHIP?

*To One Woman, and a Host of Students, a Scholarship was Everything*

Many times the people who make the greatest impact on an organization are those who do so in a quiet manner, never seeking the spotlight or recognition, just remaining as constant believers and supporters of that organization.

And so it was with Winifred Lindsay, who passed away in November at age 92. Mrs. Lindsay gave of her love and resources to Gardner-Webb in such a way that the people who needed it most – the students – received the greatest number of blessings from her generosity.

No less than six endowed funds, the interest of which supplies countless scholarships for students, were nurtured by Winifred Lindsay. Anywhere from 15 to 20 students a year attend school at Gardner-Webb due to Mrs. Lindsay's assistance. But to anyone who was familiar with "Winkie" Lindsay and her husband, David, who preceded her in death, the spirit of giving was always a part of life. A close friend once said of Mrs. Lindsay's philanthropic endeavors, "(she) has a vision beyond the present and believes she is investing in the future of individuals."

It was as though Mrs. Lindsay got so much out of life that she felt compelled to have others share in what she had. The daughter of a doctor, she married David Lindsay and the couple established a relationship with Gardner-Webb that most visibly was recognized by the naming of the Lindsay Building on campus during Dr. Eugene Poston's presidency. From that point, thousands of students would begin feeling the loving effects of Mrs. Lindsay's desire to provide for others.

Reading through a virtual biography of Mrs. Lindsay's life in University files, it's plainly evident that caring for those in

need was a calling of hers. One page from those files tells us that more ministers and physicians than we could count were put through school with

the help of Mrs. Lindsay and her husband through the years. Another page in the files says that recently she gave over half the construction cost of a new building for the Odom campus of the Baptist Children's Homes. Yet another story explains how a family from the Philippines came to live with the Lindsays years ago to learn the dairy goat trade and one of the sons remained with the Lindsays from that point on as family. And one yellowed, type-written page told how people from miles away would seek out Mrs. Lindsay for dairy goat milk produced from her farm and, in cases when the customers couldn't pay, they received it free of charge.

The list of deeds goes on and on. And all without fanfare or glitz or glitter.

At the 1994 kickoff celebration of GWU's \$30 million capital campaign, hundreds of visitors danced and enjoyed fellowship under an amazing new canopy that Mrs. Lindsay donated to the University in order to transform the Paul Porter Arena into the largest banquet facility in Cleveland County. And while everyone in attendance had a marvelous time and gawked at the metamorphosis the gym had undergone, Mrs. Lindsay sat quietly off to the side, smiling and soaking up the energy of the moment. She grinned for a photo or two, even shaking her head in approval a few times, but never once did she draw attention to herself.

Such was her way.

The University will miss Mrs. Lindsay in a tremendous way. But through her willingness to give, students for decades to come will experience the joy of Gardner-Webb the way she did.

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*Mrs. Winifred Lindsay, shown in 1994 at the GWU Capital Campaign Kickoff Celebration*

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## BOXES OF HOPE AND FAITH

### Students Join In Operation Christmas Child

Nearly 100 children in war-torn countries received Christmas presents from GWU students and faculty. Several students coordinated a campus-wide version of the national effort known as Operation Christmas Child. A project of Franklin Graham's ministry, Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child grows larger every year.

Those who participate fill a shoe box with small gifts and personal care items. Hanh Tran, a GWU sophomore from

Charlotte and native Vietnamese, says many people also include letters they've written to the child who will receive their box. "My roommate and I were going to fill a box together," says Tran. "But we bought too many items to fit into one box so we filled two instead with things like crayons, coloring books, toothpaste and a toothbrush."

In her letter, Tran told a young girl between the age of 5 and 9 (you can chose the gender and age of the child you'd like to reach) how much she hopes she likes the gifts, that she loves her and Jesus Christ loves her even more.

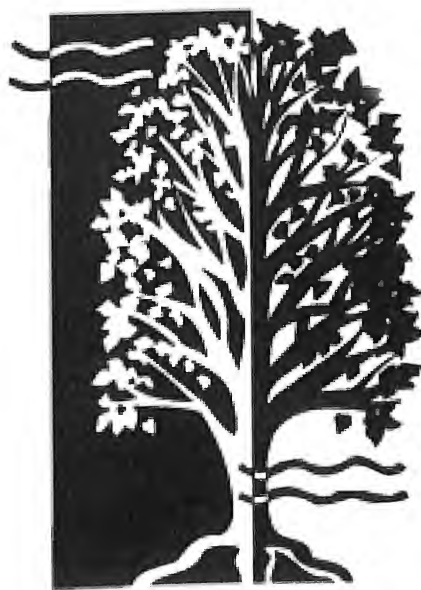
Tran is missions coordinator of the student-led Campus Ministries United (CMU). Her committee of student members normally promotes mission trips among students. "We just felt like we

should be doing more," she says. "So, another group of students who call themselves Missions Possible developed."

That group was responsible for more than 40 of the boxes that were filled on campus. Tran says one dorm organized its own effort and collected another 40 boxes. A few others were filled and taken to the nearby Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

The shoe boxes filled at Gardner-Webb were taken to Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, where Tran attends, and were sent to a distribution center that delivered them to countries like Bosnia, the Ukraine and Russia.

Tran says, "It was something we felt led to do because it spreads the word of God."



## "ROOTS AND WINGS"

### A Father Recalls Leaving His Little Girl At College

All parents of college students out there know the feeling – the day has come to drop off your child at an institution of higher learning and place him or her in the hands of another. Ron Stowe, a lieutenant with the High Point (NC) police department, feels your pain.

He was so moved by his experience in leaving his daughter, Holly, a freshman, at Gardner-Webb in August that he felt compelled to write a guest column in his local newspaper. For parents and future parents of college students, please enjoy the following excerpts from that column.

*"I have had the opportunity to visit many police departments. Most of them have been pleasurable visits, but some have not. I visited a department (recently) that wasn't really a pleasurable visit.*

*"I paid a visit to the Gardner-Webb University Campus Police Department. Debbie, Jordan and I went to drop off Holly. Holly is our oldest child and should be about 10 years old, but*

*somehow managed to graduate high school this year. Now she's attending GWU, and as our first to go off to college, leaving her there for the first time wasn't a pretty picture.*

*"And speaking of pictures, I left an 8x10 glossy of Holly with my business card on the campus police department bulletin board. I want to make sure they all know her and watch out for her. I've heard that the two most important things we can give our kids are "roots and wings." Roots so that they might have a strong foundation and never be far from their beginnings. Wings so that they may go out on their own, seek new adventures, and soar to heights all their own.*

*"The past 18 years have been spent trying to give her roots. And whether we like it or not, I guess now's the time she gets her wings. To say that Holly is daddy's girl is a bit of an understatement. I had been dreading this trip for a long time (about 13 years). But over the summer, as reality set in about her going away, I began dreading the trip even more. Not so much any more for leaving her, but knowing that I would have to make the two and a half hour ride back home with her mother, doing what mothers do at a time like this.*

*"The first half of the ride was miserable. I understand being upset, but goodness gracious, enough is enough. Things got calm about halfway home, though, and the rest of the trip was downright quiet.*

*"It has been a few days now and I'm really starting to miss her. I think I'll get back on the highway, head south, and see if Debbie is still sitting on the bench at the rest stop where I left her.*

*"Ya'll be careful out there."*



## FOOTBALL STAR TURNS COUNSELOR

### *Grad Scholarship Helps Fulfill Dream*

Something – or everything – about Derek Williams impressed Dr. Darlene Gravett, dean of the Graduate School of Education and Counseling.

Williams this year is using a full graduate scholarship awarded by Gravett's program to follow what he feels is God's direction for his life. He is the second recipient of a young scholarship that was designed to help people like Williams, those who have the talent and ability and credentials, but whose resources might limit future educational pursuits.

A former wide receiver for the University of North Carolina and a native of nearby Kings Mountain, Williams counsels troubled youths who are enrolled in an alternative setting in Cleveland County, called Parker Street School. He follows a distinct philosophy in life and, he says, it's one that he can impart on these students with the help of the graduate program at Gardner-Webb.

"I feel there are three things people ought to concentrate on: mind, body and spirit," he says in a soft voice. "I see the mind, body and spirit as making a complete person."

A deeply committed Christian, Williams is active in his local church and



even leads a Bible study group at home. His religious convictions, along with his selection as this scholarship's recipient, have served to confirm that his career goals are on track. He says his place is in school counseling, and although he hasn't quite realized his dream of opening a clinic for private counseling, he feels he has taken the first big step toward his calling.

"There is no possible way I could afford to get my master's degree without (the scholarship)," he says.

He explains that overcoming obstacles in regard to race and stereotypes is something he can help young people confront. "A lot of people don't go to college because they don't think they

can, and that's especially true of African-American men. They look at the dominant culture as being the only group allowed to succeed. I've experienced it. I've been through it."

Graduating sixth in his high school class and becoming the first in his family to finish college, Williams learned early in life to set goals and have the discipline to attain them, no matter what the odds are. That mental toughness is a cornerstone to his approach to the Parker Street kids.

Gravett beams when she talks about Williams. "He is a motivated, intelligent man, the kind of person for which we designed this scholarship."

## GOAL STUDENT WITHSTANDS THE CHALLENGES

Linda Hardin is determined to get her college degree. Now, in her last few months as a student in the GWU GOAL Program, Hardin reflects on the difficult and trying times she's had to face.

The most difficult came one year ago when Hardin lost her 26-year-old son, Kenneth, who died from a brain aneurism. "Fortunately, I had very understanding instructors. I would explain to them that the reason for my quiet disposition was because I was still

in the grieving process," she says. "Dropping out of school wasn't the answer though. You have to find a way to deal with it."

Hardin admits she still has moments of weakness but her family has found ways to cope with his death. Creating a scholarship in his memory and honoring his wishes to be an organ donor give Hardin some comfort. "Four people are alive because of him. There's a man out there with a heart that once beat inside of me," she says. "It helps to also know that other college students are being helped through the scholarship."

A loan officer with Centrolina Development Corp., Hardin is anxious to complete the requirements for her bachelor's degree in business

administration, especially after eight years of college. She earned an associate degree from Gaston College in 1992, entered the GOAL Program at the GWU Campus in Charlotte in 1993 and expects to receive her bachelor's degree in the spring or early summer.

"The GOAL Program is excellent for older students who work and can't go to class full time. We realize how important that degree is," she says. "We're in class for a purpose and are probably better students because of that."

A resident of Monroe, Hardin and her husband, Paul, have another son, Paul Jr., age 24. In addition to work, home and school, Hardin still finds time to be active in her church, Mt. Carmel United Methodist.

# ALUMNI NEWS & CLASS NOTES

## The '40s

**Dr. Grady Hanford Hamby '47** still pastors a church at the age of 88. He lives in Black Mountain, N.C.

**Betty Lee Peeler Johnson '47** is retired after 43 years as a clerical supervisor with the N.C. Department of Transportation. She does some volunteer work and enjoys spending time with her 3-year-old grandson. Her husband, Glenn, is also retired from the NCDOT. They live in Lawndale.

**Robert Wilson Crapps '44** has retired from Furman University as Reuben Pitts Professor Emeritus of Religion. His wife, Dovie Wright Crapps, is self-employed. They live in Greenville, S.C. You can e-mail them at: RND512@aol.com

**Rev. Arlan Alexander Bailey '40** is now interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Lowell, N.C. He lives in Gastonia.

## The '50s

**Dr. Ector L. Hamrick '55** retired in May 1996 as a Baptist minister and director of missions. He lives in Portsmouth, Virginia.

**Ervin Ross Wagner '55 and '74** celebrated his 30th anniversary of retirement from the U.S.A.F. in June 1997. He lives in Whitmire, S.C.

**Barbara Harrill Graham '54** is a realtor in Cabarrus County and lives in Harrisburg, N.C. Her husband retired this year and they are beginning to do some travelling.

## The '60s

**Sue Turnmyre Spain '68** now lives at: 1303 Crouchet St. in Opelousas, La. 70570. Her son, Jason, 23, lives in Dallas, Tx. and prepares to move to Opelousas.

**Paula Jones Harkey '67** is a commercial insurance rater with Employers Mutual Casualty Co. where she has worked for 15 years. She is serving as mentor for a child with Jackson Park Ministries, teaching biblical principals. She has one son, Vince, age 27, and lives in Charlotte.

**Robert B. Spain '67** is a sales representative of Lane Reclining Furniture with Action Industries. He lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with his wife, Betty, who is self-employed.

**Donald Paris Wilson '67** is teaching chemistry and physics at Gaffney High School in South Carolina. His wife, **Mildred Brown Wilson '67**, is a preschool specialist with Cleveland County Schools. They live in Shelby.

**Doyt K. Hoffman Jr. '63** is now technical service engineer for Hoechst Celanese. He enjoys travelling to Europe and Asia.

**William A. Fields '61** was recently nominated as a trustee with the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey on the new North American Mission Board. He has previously served as a trustee of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission and has been involved in missions and mission programs in Pennsylvania for the past 18 years.

You can e-mail him at:  
willwill@ptdprolog.net

**Troy Houser '61** has been named the first public information officer in Burke County. He had been working as business editor of the Hickory Daily Record and prior to that worked as a reporter and

editor at The News Herald in Morganton.

**Denny L. Turner '60** is now associate minister at Oakhurst Baptist Church. He lives in Charlotte, N.C. and you can e-mail him at: 71153.3105@compuserve.com

## The '70s

**Jeff Wylie '79** has accepted a position teaching social work at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. He lives in Paducah with his wife, Jennifer, and three children, Justin, age 10, Sarah, age 7, and Rebecca, 4. His e-mail address is: jwylie@apex.net.

**Anthony Vaughn Heafner '78 B.S.** and Robin Lynne Simmons were married Sept. 20, 1997, in Greensboro. He is employed by Millbrook Distribution Inc. in Kernersville. She is employed by Bali in Winston-Salem. They live in Clemmons.

**Sarah Anne Ivill '78 B.A.** and Robert Nicholas Kovalcik were married May 24, 1997, in Charlotte. She is employed by Euro Lloyd Travel. He is a chemical engineer with L.C.I. Corporation. They live in Charlotte.

**Ricky Erwin Sain '78** is a designer with Brittain Engineering. His wife, Sandy, is a medical laboratory technician. They live in Vale, N.C.

**George Thomas "Tommy" Swinney '78** is now working for Davidson County Department of Social Services as a child protective services

investigator. He lives in Burlington, N.C.

**Oran C. Coggins '77 B.A.** was recently named treatment director/clinical supervisor at the Alpha Center in Camden, S.C. Prior to that he served as counselor/therapist at the center. He has obtained three certifications since 1992. He is married to Brenda L. Coggins, administrative assistant for Capital Insurance Co. They live in Florence, S.C.

**Kenneth Arnold Corn '77** was recently named minister of education and pastoral care at Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, N.C. He and his wife, **Virginia "Ginger" Hinton '77**, live in Flat Rock, N.C.

**Phyllis Rudd Mincey '76 B.A.** is recruitment programs assistant in admissions at Meredith College. She lives in Raleigh with her husband who is employed with the Department of Transportation. You can e-mail her at: mincey@meredith.edu

**John Teeter '76** has been named to the BB&T Asheville advisory board. He is general manager of Pepsi-Cola in Asheville, vice president and chairman of the American Red Cross in Asheville, vice president of the Boy Scouts of America in Asheville and is on the board of the Thomas Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation.

**Shirley Scruggs '75** is a multiage teacher at Cannous Elementary School in Spartanburg. Her husband, James, is employed by Hoescht Celanese. Their son, Jonathan, is a senior at Broome High School and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. They live in Cowpens, S.C. You can e-mail Shirley at: STScrugg@Spa3.k12.sc.us

**Peggy Jones Hurt '74** and her husband, Joe, served as medical missionaries at Kijabe Medical Center in Kenya for six weeks during the fall. Peggy served as a medical

microbiologist and Joe as a clinical and anatomic pathologist through World Medical Missions. Joe is a medical doctor with Mountain Pathology Services. They live in Sylva, N.C.

**H. Edwin Middleton '73** was installed as senior pastor of First Community Church in Dallas, Texas, in Nov. of 1997. He and his wife, Christine Sekerke, live in Dallas. She is employed by Half-Price Book Corp.

**Janet Costner Elliott '72** is systems programmer with Shelby Yarn. Her husband, John Thomas, is chief pilot with U.S. Helicopters. They have two sons, Kevin, age 16, and Dennis, age 12. They live in Lawndale, N.C. Janet's e-mail address is: [elliott@shelby.net](mailto:elliott@shelby.net).

**Sidney Allison Marton Jr. '72** has been employed as a nurse anesthetist at Cleveland Regional Medical Center for 23 years.

**Beth Wright Trouille '72** was named N.C. Nurse of the Year in Long Term Care. She is head nurse at United Church Retirement Home. Her husband, Mike, is owner of Ken's Body Shop. They live in Maiden.

**Susan Wilson '72 B.A.** was recently featured in a newspaper article for her 25 years of service as music director at Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby.

## The '80s

**Pamela Pruitt Annas '89** is a cost accountant with ITT Automotive. Her husband, Michael, is a truck driver with R.R. Donnelley & Sons. They live in Hickory. You can e-mail Pam at: [Pam\\_Annas@Auto.ittind.com](mailto:Pam_Annas@Auto.ittind.com)

**Sandra Aycoth '89** operates a part-time business in therapeutic massage. She has obtained national certification and attended the AMTA convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her husband, Ron, is an engineering specialist with Bell

South. She too is employed by Bell South. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Todd Capps '89 B.A. and Kimberly Wilson Capps '91** are now living in Bethany, Oklahoma. Todd has been named minister of childhood education at Council Rd. Baptist Church in Bethany.

**Charles William Conner '89 B.S.** and Bonna Jane Tucker were married May 24, 1997. He is employed by Rutherford County Department of Social Services and Isothermal Community College. She is a travel counselor with the I-26 Welcome Center. They live in Mill Spring.

**Mary Beth Searcy '89 B.S.** received her Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Georgia in August. She's assistant professor of

mathematics at Central Michigan University and lives in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

**James Douglas Armstrong '88 B.S.** and Jacqueline Robinson were married July 5, 1997, in Winston-Salem. She is a marketing manager for Sara Lee Knit Products. He is a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina. They live in Pfafftown.

**Susan Bir '88 M.A.** was named Teacher of the Year at Pisgah Forest Elementary School in Transylvania County. She is a fifth grade teacher at the school.

**Carlann Osborn '88 M.A. and '85 B.S.** has been recognized as one of western North Carolina's most creative teachers. Thirty-two

teachers from the region received the distinction during a retreat sponsored by the Western Carolina University College of Education and Allied Professions, and the WCU Alliance of Business Leaders and Educators. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Saluda Elementary School.

**James Elwood Blake '87** is mayor-elect of Biscoe, N.C. for 1998-99.

**Lisa Courtney '87 B.A.** is teaching two-year-old children and a music class at Kingswood United Methodist Church Playschool. Her husband, the Rev. Scott Courtney, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Rural Hall. They have two children, Caleb, 5, and Casey, 3.

# MINISTERING TO THE DEAF

College campuses across the United States offer ministries to their students, but not all of them target a special population. One Gardner-Webb alumnus is doing just that at Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

**June Campbell '77 B.A.** has been serving as campus minister at R.I.T. since 1992. Just recently did the position become full-time. With more than 12,000 Deaf students on that campus, Campbell's job is both challenging and rewarding.

"One of my favorite students, if you can have a favorite," she says, "is a Deaf student from Ghana, West Africa. He is the first Deaf person from Ghana to get an education outside of that city." Campbell says the student is a strong Christian who likes being in a Christian nation. "He does miss the slower lifestyle in Ghana," says Campbell, "and feels that he's always in a rush here."

Campbell previously worked at R.I.T. in the late 70s and early 80s, which is when she learned sign language. She went on to seminary and spent six years working with various children and youth, and social ministries. Always hoping to return to New York, Campbell seized the

opportunity five years ago to again work at R.I.T.

"I think campus ministry is the place where the future church is being formed. I hate to see budget cuts in that area and feel we should give college students our best in ministry," Campbell says.

She adds that she loves her work and tends to spend a great deal of her time at it. But in her spare time she enjoys reading, watching old movies and traveling.

Her family lives in Western N.C. and she looks forward to return trips home three or four times a year.





Thomas W. Grayson Jr. '87 can be reached by e-mail at: TGrayson@aol.com

Martha Hartzog '87 B.A. is employed as assistant customer service manager and training coordinator with Harris Teeter in Hilton Head Island. She lives in Bluffton, S.C., with her son, Robbie, age 4.

Brenda W. Killough '87 M.A. was named outstanding teacher for 1997-98 at Pleasant Gardens Elementary School in McDowell County. She is a

third-grade teacher and has been teaching for 28 years.

The Rev. Thomas Hartman '86 B.A. was appointed associate pastor, concentrating in family ministries, at First Baptist Church of Spindale. He is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Donna Teresa Shaw Hulcher '86 and with her husband, Mark, have recently expanded their automotive services business. A new facility was

opened in Winston-Salem. They live in Lexington.

Rose Mathis '86 has been elected a vice president of First Citizens Bank in Wilkesboro, where she serves as business banking manager. She lives in North Wilkesboro and is active in the Kiwanis Club, Elks Club and Association for Family and Community Educators.

William Franklin McGee '86 B.S. and Erica J. Wilcox were married May 10, 1997, in Wilkesboro. He is employed in the corporate office of

Lowe's Companies in North Wilkesboro. She is employed by the Wilkes County 4-H Program.

Sheila Stevens '86 has been appointed director of the Burke County Senior Center. She previously served as administrator of an adult care home in Tennessee.

Caroline Metcalf Wellmon '86 B.S. and her husband, Larry, announce the birth of a son, Christopher John, born Sept. 8, 1997. Caroline is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Larry works with Curtiss Wright

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RECOGNIZED



A Concord businesswoman and a Christian music artist from High Point have been singled out as the 1997 Young Alumnus and Alumnus of the Year. The GWU Alumni Association announced Lisa Carol Tucker and Rick Webb as outstanding alumni during Homecoming festivities in October.

Tucker was guest of honor at numerous Homecoming events this past fall. Webb was not able to attend the festivities because of a performance with the Boston Pops.

Graduating in 1989 with a degree in Physical Education, Tucker made her mark at Gardner-Webb on the volleyball court. She was captain of the team in 1988 and was named to the All-District Team her senior year. After graduation she was invited to try out for the 1992 Olympic Team and was also the only female to participate with the men's beach volleyball circuit. GWU's volleyball program has been the beneficiary of her generosity since her graduation.

In 1990 Tucker continued her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was the youngest person to ever gain admission to and successfully complete the Young Executive Institute program. A member of the GWU Annual Fund Committee, Tucker joined the Alumni Board of Directors last fall.

Upon graduation, Tucker went to work for Shoe Show Inc., and after a series of promotions is now manager of the company's distribution center in Concord. She helped design the automation system that the center uses to serve the company's 500 locations in 25 states. The center's projected operating cost reduction for the first year is \$760,000.

Webb has been sharing his Christian music ministry since graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1977. He immediately served on a church staff and then joined the internationally-known vocal group, Re'Generation. He traveled five years with the group as road program director for 2,500 appearances.

In 1982, Webb and close friend, Kevin Miles, formed a duet that gives over 150 concerts annually. He and his wife, Phyllis, also team up on performances that include a segment for children.

Rick also serves as soloist and music director for Clyde Dupin Ministries, which hosts eight crusades each year. The baritone vocalist has shared in the ministries of Dr. Charles Stanley, Dr. Chuck Colson, Dr. D. James Kennedy, Dr. Chuck Swindoll, Dr. Mac Brunson, Dr. Clyde Dupin, Dr. John MacArthur and Dr. Grady Wilson, an associate of Dr. Billy Graham.

Performing in several national presidential prayer breakfasts, conferences, Christian cruises, television shows and national commercials, Webb was musical guest for the 1996 national religious Broadcasters Convention in Indianapolis. He has recorded one solo album, two duo albums and has numerous musical credits.

Rick, Phyllis, and their three children live in High Point.



Flight Systems. They live in Rutherfordton, N.C.

**Sharon Abercombie '85** is now an advanced learner curriculum specialist with Guilford County Schools. She lives in Colfax, N.C. Her e-mail address is: [sabercr@guilford.k12.nc.us](mailto:sabercr@guilford.k12.nc.us)

**Kelly Sale Bridges '85** and **Brett Kendall Bridges '87** announce the birth of a child, Matthew Kendall, born Aug. 4, 1997. She is senior programmer and analyst at American Greetings. He is human resources director at Pillowtex Inc. They live in Shelby. You can e-mail them at: [kbridges@hotmail.com](mailto:kbridges@hotmail.com)

**Rev. Keith Feather '85** and **Anna Thomasson Feather '86** announce the birth of a son, Zachary Stone, born Oct. 5, 1997. They have two other children, Adelyn Kate, age 5, and Robert Keith, age 2. Keith has been associate pastor of education and family at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Union, S.C., for six years. Anna is a homemaker and homeschools Adelyn.

**Dan Halton '85** celebrates his 10th anniversary with Sprint. He is manager of field sales automation. He and his wife, Robin, and their six-year-old daughter, Sarah, live in Allen, Texas. You can e-mail him at: [dan.halton@mail.sprint.com](mailto:dan.halton@mail.sprint.com)

**William Scott James '85** and wife **Tonya** now have three children: William Scott Jr., age 7, Payton Elizabeth, age 4, and Andrew Bennett, age 1. He is an accounting officer with Wachovia Bank. She is an art teacher at Lexington Senior High School. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Tara Trotman Land '85 B.S.** and **B.A.** and husband, Rob, announce the birth of a daughter, Logan Rebekah, born May 31, 1997. Tara is southeast sales manager for Trex Medical Corporation. Rob is director of human resources for Price Waterhouse in Charlotte.

**Melissa Rhea Lail Trecker '85** has received her Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from the University of Connecticut and is a postdoctoral fellow at the Univ. of Conn. Health Center. Her husband, Jonathan, is a dentist. You can e-mail her at: [jonathan.trecker@snet.net](mailto:jonathan.trecker@snet.net)

**Pamela Denise Baker Black '84** has been promoted to customer service manager at CommScope in Hickory, N.C. Her husband, Ford Lee Black Jr., is master utility operator at CommScope. They live in Claremont, N.C.

**Timothy Lowry '84** has been named executive director of the Cleveland County Coalition for the Homeless. He previously served three years as chaplain of Hospice of Cleveland County.

**Lisa Pettus '84 A.D.** recently completed her bachelor of arts in psychology. She plans to attend graduate school and works as a massage therapist at a salon and spa in Greensboro.

**Grady C. "Neal" Stockton '84 B.S.** has been named a Paul Harris Fellow for his service to his community and the Rotary Club. A gift of \$1,000 will be made in his name to Rotary International Foundation. He has been with the Kernersville Police Department since 1975 serving as chief since 1984.

**James Gaskins '83 B.S.** was trainer for the 49th annual North-South Football Classic last year, the only person to be named twice (also in 1990). He was assistant coach for the 9th annual North-South Soccer Classic in June and the South Carolina Coaches Association

honored him with a lifetime achievement award. He is a teacher at Goose Creek High School and his wife, **Debra Plemmons Gaskins '82**, is a pharmacist with St. Francis Xavier Hospital. They live in Goose Creek, S.C.

## We're Saving You A Seat

*Leave Your Legacy At GWU*

"Down the stretch they come!"

It's not a horse race, but with the dawn of 1998 comes the realization that the \$30 million "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" capital campaign has set its sights on July of this year as the culmination of the greatest single fundraising project ever at the University. And it's not too late to be a part of the excitement.

The final phase of the campaign – the renovation of Hamrick Hall – is underway and you have the unique opportunity to take a seat among the campaign's supporters. With your gift of \$500 to the Annual Fund, Reunion Fund or Parents Fund, you can name a seat in honor of someone of your choice in the new edition of the Hamrick Hall auditorium. Need we remind you that, upon completion, Hamrick Hall and its auditorium will once again become a focal point of campus for performances, speakers, lectures and activity? As you alumni from decades gone by can attest, Hamrick Hall embodies Gardner-Webb ... it's where you may have gathered with friends on its steps, or where that notorious professor finally explained calculus clearly to you, or where a Christian speaker recited some heartfelt words that transformed your spirituality.

Soon, Hamrick Hall will live again.

Because of the wonderful news that the Kresge Foundation in Michigan has chosen to support the campaign with a notable pledge, seats are available for you to name with a \$500 gift. But, your gift must be received and paid in full by June 30 of this

year in order to be a part of this special naming offer.

The renovated auditorium will feature 310 seats when it is unveiled later this year – and those seats are going fast so there's no time to waste. Hundreds of fellow supporters and alumni have helped us to the threshold of our goal. Your gift will not only push us over that goal, but will also leave your legacy on a campus committed to serve students for generations to come.

For more information call Darlene Broadhurst, director of the GWU annual fund, on campus at 704-434-4654.

We're saving you a seat!



Patricia Loudermilt '83 B.S. is now a technology specialist with the Iredell-Statesville School System. She instructs teachers on how to use computers in the classroom. She has a background in middle school science and most recently was special curriculum-technology coordinator at East Iredell Middle School.

Edna Idella Ramseur '83 and Thomas Lee Davis were married July 26, 1997, in Shelby. She is employed by Shelby City School system. He is employed with PYA/Monarch of Charlotte.

C. Bonnell Young '83 B.A. and Charlotte Belinda Young were married May 24, 1997. He is director of bands for Sullivan Central High School. She is a customer service representative with First Union Bank.

Linda Bridges Bolt '82 B.S. and Paul H. Bolt Jr. '84 B.S. announce the birth of a daughter, Kayla Jane, born August 12, 1997. They have two other children, Stephen, age 10, and Kelli, age 7. Lisa is application development supervisor for the City of Gastonia. Paul is owner of Bridges Auto Parts in Kings Mountain. They live in Shelby.

Ryan Cannon '82 B.A. recently passed the state oral exam for certification as a substance abuse counselor. He will enter the masters program in counseling at GWU. He lives in Statesville and works as a counselor at the Rebound Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility in Charlotte.

Autumn Nell Collins '82 and Haskell David Sides Jr. were married July 19, 1997, in Lincolnton. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is an engineer with National Environmental Technologies in Charlotte.

Mary Lee Cudd '82 was recently appointed to the teaching staff at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. She will be working with the physician assistant program.

Alan Keith Flippin '81 is now associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Brevard, N.C. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Kathryn, age 7, and Caroline, age 4. You can e-mail them at: Flip@Citcom.net

## The '90s

Mark Glenn Arrowood '97 B.S. and Christy Lynn Clayton '97 B.S. were married Sept. 20, 1997. They live in Greensboro.

Alva Danielle Barber '97 A.A. and Michael Jason Wofford were married August 9, 1997, in Lincolnton. She is employed by Gaston Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation and Carolina Care Center in Cherryville. He is employed by Choice USA. They live in Cherryville.

Donna Maria Billings '97 and David Bryant Yates were married June 28, 1997, in Moravian Falls. She is employed by Bergen Brunswig Medical Corporation. He is employed by Aesculap and is attending East Carolina University School of Medicine.

Gregory Blankenship Jr. '97 B.S. has taken a position as research assistant at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University. He lives in Fallston, Maryland and you can e-mail him at: GCBLANKENSHIP@JUNO.COM

Sarah Crystal Campbell '97 and Richard Earl Murray Jr. '97 were married July 26, 1997, in Kings

Mountain. She's a former employee of GWU. He had been employed by Concret Specialty Contractors. They live in New Orleans.

Cary Cash '97 has been named assistant principal at Hiddenite Elementary School in Alexander County. He had been a physical

## Forgotten Bible Brings Back Memories For Alum

Edith M. Bailey '61 and '76 of Eagle River, Alaska, was surprised when a Bible she lost nearly forty years ago resurfaced. "When she first called I didn't even recall that I had lost it," said Bailey after getting a phone call from a GWU employee.

Mildred Poston, administrative assistant to two vice presidents at GWU, found the Bible in a closet. "I was preparing for my retirement by getting my house, or in this case my office, in order," said Poston, whose longtime service to the University ended in January. Bailey herself is also preparing for retirement in the next few years. Poston says she felt a strong sense of satisfaction from the deed. "Returning her Bible was one of the highlights of my career.

It's ironic that it happened at the end of it."

Bailey purchased the Bible during a visit to Ridgecrest in 1957. "I lost it as a student at Gardner-Webb between 1959 and 1961 and had forgotten all about it. But as soon as she (Poston) started to talk about it and describe it, I knew it was mine," says Bailey. "It contains quotes, notes and personal information which I found interesting to read again. In some ways it's almost like a diary from my teenage years. I will probably pass it on to my daughter."

After learning that Bailey's 57th birthday was approaching, Poston hurriedly mailed the Bible so she would receive it as a gift. "It was a really nice birthday present. I was impressed that someone would go to that much trouble. I think it says something of the caliber of people at Gardner-Webb," says Bailey.

Commissioned as an ensign in U.S. Public Health Service 21 years ago, Bailey was a student at Gardner-Webb for the second time when she worked at Royster Memorial (now Crawley Memorial) Hospital. She has served in Baltimore, Md., New Orleans, La., and is now a commander working as director of health information services at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Bailey married Vincent Browne, a native of Ireland, after they met in Alaska in 1982. Her daughter, Robin, also lives in Alaska.



education instructor at the school for eight years. He is a former Teacher of the Year at the school, serves on the Hiddenite Recreation Board and is active in his church. He lives in Hiddenite with his wife, Jarnie, and daughter, Lindsay.

**Jeanna Carrie Ford '97 B.A.** and Mark Grayson McNeill were married May 24, 1997, in Forest City. She holds degrees in psychology and English. He is employed with Hooligan's of Wilkesboro. They live in Moravian Falls.

**Regina Meldara Gantt '97** and Todd Wayne Williams were married Oct. 4, 1997, in Casar, N.C. He is employed by Hickory Leather Co. They live in Lawndale.

**Larry Wayne Gardner '97** and Lori Michelle Edwards were married June 22, 1997, in Shelby. He is a geography and science teacher at Burns High School. She is employed with the State Employees Credit Union. You can e-mail him at: truteach@bellsouth.net

**Devry "Dee" Gibbs '97** has been named assistant principal at Mooresville Middle School. He previously taught economics and legal and political systems at Mooresville High School.

**Ruby Katherine Poarch Gordon '97 B.S.** and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Gene "Trey" Gordon III, born September 20, 1997. Kenneth is employed by The Motor Shop. She is a clerk at Allstate Insurance. The family lives in Gastonia.

**Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 B.S.** has been employed as secretary in the President's Office at GWU. She also works with the University's presidential associates and web site. She lives in Boiling Springs.

**Philip Keefe '97 B.A.** has been named to the football coaching staff at North Greenville College. He is offensive coordinator, receivers' coach and recruiting coordinator.

**Deborah "Debbie" Marsh '97 M.A.** has been promoted to assistant principal at South Elementary School in Mooresville. She previously taught social studies at Mooresville Senior High School. She was 1993 Educator of the Year in Catawba County and is a past Teacher of the Year of Hickory High School.

**Debra Blackwelder Ogburn '97 B.S.** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a son, Cameron Michael, born May 27, 1997. Debra is a cost clerk with Burlington Inc. and Michael is a technician with Burlington. They live in Rockingham.

**Robin Pharr '97** has joined the staff of Community Mortgage Corporation as a mortgage loan originator. She had been a licensed real estate agent.

**Christy Dianne Phillips '97 B.S.** and Anthony Mack Groce were married June 7, 1997, in Dover Chapel at GWU. She is employed by Shelby City Schools. He is employed with Gaston County Schools. They live in Shelby.

**Steven Troy Queen '97 B.S.** and Amy Michelle Haire were married Sept. 6, 1997, in China Grove. He is employed in sales at Ferguson Enterprises in Charlotte. She is payroll administrator with Stanley Tools in Concord. They live in Kannapolis.

**Shep Bevis '96 B.A.** and Amanda Bailey were married May 24, 1997, in Union, S.C. He attends Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is employed by Glendale Baptist Church. She is a student at Gardner-Webb. They live in Gaffney, S.C.

**Lisa Traenker Boggs '96 B.S.** has been named health promotions and services coordinator in the public relations department of Gaston Health Care. She had been director of community education for Home Health Professionals in Gastonia.

**Angela K. Burcham '96** has been hired to teach biology at Lenoir

Community College in Kinston, N.C. You can e-mail her at: [angela.Burcham@transfer.lenoir.cc.nc.us](mailto:angela.Burcham@transfer.lenoir.cc.nc.us)

**April Leigh Cherry '96** and Mervin James Jenkins were married Sept. 20, 1997, in Belmont. She is employed by the Brian Center. He is employed by Wolf Camera and Video in Pineville. They live in Charlotte.

**Alonzo Burl Custer '96 B.A.** and Wendi Marie Francis were married August 9, 1997, in Fletcher. He is a customer service representative at Hound Ears Country Club. He is also pursuing a master's degree from GWU. She is completing a master's degree in nutrition while working as a dietetic intern at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

**Mary Bowman Gibson '96 M.A.** was named outstanding teacher for 1997-98 at Marion Elementary School in McDowell County. She is a fifth-grade teacher and has been teaching for 21 years.

**Timothy Eugene Hodges '96 B.S.** and Stephanie Jane Key were married in August in Mount Airy. He is employed by the North Carolina Highway Patrol. She is employed with Surry County Child Protective Service. They live in Lincoln County.

**Natalie Beam Holsten '96** and her husband, David, announce the birth of a child, Carter Jay, born Nov. 21, 1997. Natalie is a reporter with Johnson City Press. David is a student at Moody Aviation. They live in Elizabethton, Tenn.

**Stephen E. Lane '96 M.A.** has been appointed transportation director with the Iredell - Statesville School System. He was previously assistant principal at South Iredell High. He and his wife, Terri, have three children.

**Karen Michelle Putnam '96** and Robert Edward Hughes were married September 6, 1997, in Grover. She is a registered nurse with Primary Health Concepts and Home Health

Professionals of Gastonia. He is manager of Lafayette Street Grill and Pub. They live in Cherryville.

**Jenna Elicsha Ross '96 B.S.** and Bradford William Taylor were married Sept. 6, 1997, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. She is a social worker at McDowell Nursing Center. He is a supervisor at Ross Skid Products. They live in Union Mills.

**Tammy Taylor '96 B.S.** is now a software engineer in Charlotte. You can e-mail her at: [renaultl@juno.com](mailto:renaultl@juno.com)

**Veronica Tracy '96 M.A.** and Lynn A. Jackson were married in July in Roebuck S.C. She is employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the School District of Newberry County. He is employed at Newberry Middle School while pursuing a master's degree in education.

**Julie Ann Wall '96** and Gregory Thomas Perkins were married Sept. 20. She is employee relations manager at Cross Creek Apparel Inc. He is dye department manager at Cross Creek Apparel. They live in Mount Airy.

**Brian Edward Wilson '96** and Kimberly Michelle Cope were married May 31, 1997, in Lowell. She is employed by First Physicians in Charlotte. He is employed by S&ME in Charlotte. They live in Mount Holly.

**Richard Brogden Ambrose '95** is product manager for American Equipment Co. He lives in Simpsonville, S.C.

**Tracie Janine Bradley '95** and Randy Steven Moore were married Oct. 11, 1997. She is employed by the Spartanburg Herald Journal. He is employed by Ken Inc.

**Jerry W. Bryant '95** became pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in York County, S.C., in September. Prior to that he was pastor of Thompson Chapel Baptist Church for nine years. His wife, Marlene, is a nurse. They now live in Lake Wylie.



Jennifer Nicole Bunton '95 B.S. and Van Ngoc Nguyen were married June 28, 1997, in Shelby. She is a spanish teacher at Crest Middle School. He is assistant manager of The Sound Shop. They live in Lawndale.

Mickey Connolly '95 has been named principal of Monarch Elementary School in Union County.

He has been employed by the school district for 14 years.

John Edward Craven III '95 B.S. and Kimberlee Diane Bessinger were married May 24, 1997, at Coosaw Creek Country Club. He is employed by Bayer, Inc. She is employed at Atlantic International. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Paige Browning Deaton '95 B.S. GOAL and Jim Deaton '87 announce the birth of their first child, Courtney Jean, born March 2, 1997. Paige is a homemaker and Jim is a probation officer with the N.C. Department of Corrections. They live in Lewisville, N.C.

Steven Mack Duncan '95 B.A. and Kristina Anne Dragon were married

Saturday in Greenville, S.C. He is assistant football coach at North Greenville College. She is a manager at Victoria's Secret. They live in Greenville.

Rick Furse '95 M.B.A. was recently elected to the city council in Rutherfordton, N.C.

He will serve a four-year term and by receiving the most votes he serves as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Laura Anne Brooks Gould '95 B.A. and Thomas Greer Gould were married June 28, 1997. She is a teacher's assistant with Newton-Conover Schools and youth minister at Abernathy United Methodist Church. He is an 8th grade teacher and coach with Catawba County schools. They live in Newton.

Charles C. "Chuck" Graham II '95 has been named principal of Flat Rock Elementary School. He has worked with the Surry County school system since 1990. He was previously assistant principal at Central Middle School. He lives in Dobson with wife, Angie, and 2-year-old son, Chase.

Timothy L. Gunn '95 B.S. and Andrea R. Hawkensen were married June 14, 1997, at Lake Wylie

Christian Assembly. He is employed by Westminster Catawba Christian School in Rock Hill. She is employed by Kelly Staffing Services in Gastonia and attends York Technical College. They live in Rock Hill.

Melinda Hardee '95 and John Michael Morris were married June 22, 1997, in Troy. She is a child

support agent with the Montgomery County Department of Social Services. He is employed with Sandhills Research Station. They live in Montgomery County.



## POLITICS AND RELIGION IN NATION'S CAPITAL

At 25 years of age, Franklin Shelton '93 has seized every opportunity that's come his way. Those opportunities have landed him a job in the nation's capital as special assistant to a United States Representative.

Shelton held numerous internships as a student, including two summers as a Senate page. In 1995, he became the youngest person to ever hold the position of Senate Doorkeeper. After college, he took a job as a caseworker in Rep. Steny Hoyer's (D-Md., 5th) district office in St. Charles. Less than one year later the position of special assistant to Hoyer came open and Shelton asked to be considered.

As Hoyer's escort, Shelton keeps a busy schedule accompanying the congressman to the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Pentagon, and on and on. His father is a retired, highly decorated officer with the U.S. Capitol Police. It was his father who helped him meet President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Senator Edward Kennedy and even actor Sylvester Stallone. Spending time with his father at work started the young boy's interest in politics. But that is only one of many interests for Shelton.

In addition to keeping up with Rep. Hoyer, Shelton stays busy speaking at Christian events and activities. This past year alone he says he has spoken more than 30 times to nearly 3,500 people.

In early adulthood, Shelton learned public speaking by leading small Bible studies and devotionals. "I still have a deep desire to share the Gospel of Christ's saving grace to others. I am currently before my church (First Baptist Church of Waldorf) to become licensed to preach," he says.

Shelton says he doesn't know where his future will lead him. Some possibilities he is considering include work with the U.S. Secret Service, a career in public service, and he's even been encouraged to run for a seat on the Charles County Board of Commissioners.

Shelton is quick to credit others. "I don't think I would be where I am if it weren't for my dad," he says, "and my mom taught me to work hard even when no one is looking." Gardner-Webb, he says, helped him mature academically, spiritually and socially. "I learned early on that true success is not the obtaining of degrees but rather the degree in which we live or lives."



# DEATHS

**Teresa Lynn Keller '95 B.S.** and **Maurice Clay Beach** were married August 9, 1997, in Morganton. She is employed by Roger L. Seagle, MD and Grace Center for Mental Health. He is self-employed at Beach Roofing. They live in Morganton.

**Wendy Wanelle Key '95 B.S.** and **Artimes Joel Locklear** were married Jan. 25, 1997, in Pekin. He is a carpet installer. They live in Candor, N.C.

**Danielle E. McDonald '95 B.A.** has accepted a position with Nova Southeastern University. She works in the University's School of Business and Entrepreneurship as program coordinator of Enterprise Ambassador USA, a program founded by Wendy's Dave Thomas to teach high school students about free enterprise and entrepreneurship. She lives in Pompano Beach, Fla.

**Melinda Hardee Morris '95 B.S.** and **John Michael Morris** were married June 22, 1997, in Troy, N.C. and won a wedding and honeymoon trip to Las Vegas. She is a social worker with the Department of Social Services. He is a maintenance mechanic with Sandhills Research Station. They live in Biscoe, N.C.

**Robin Lynn Owenby '95 M.A.** and **Thomas Wray Dixon** were married July 19, 1997, in Gaffney. She is a teacher at Elizabeth Elementary School. He is a loan officer with at First Piedmont in Gaffney. They live in Gaffney.

**Kristie Elaine Parker '95** and **David Arthur Graham** were married Aug. 23, 1997, in Yadkinville. She is a juvenile court counselor for Yadkin and Wilkes Counties. He is employed in sales with Gra-Mac Distributing Co. in Farmington.

**Barbara Patterson '95 B.S.** was recently featured in a newspaper article in Mount Airy for work as an instructor of compensatory education with Surry Community College. She works with adults who've lost learning and functioning capabilities due to an accident or illness.

**Steven "Kale" Wright '95 B.S.** **GOAL** has been hired as a field engineer with Aerotek Telecommunications. He works on contract with companies such as Bell South and Sprint. He was ordained as a church deacon in July. You can e-mail him at: BackWatchr@aol.com.

**Mark Christopher Baldwin '94** now lives in Leicester, N.C. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. His wife, Shelley, is a homemaker and teacher.

**M. Brucene "Bruce" Bechtel '94 B.S.N.** has been named program director of The Psychiatric Center at Rutherford Hospital. She has been with the Center since 1995 and prior to that worked as a staff nurse in ICU and ER in Ohio and Shelby.

**Christi Edwards Butler '94 M.A.** has achieved certification as a National Certified Counselor. She is a guidance counselor at East Rutherford High School where she has worked for five years.

**Beverly Ann Cooper '94** and **Michael Chad Watson '94** were married May 17, 1997, in Canton. She is employed at Health Care Professionals in Asheville. He is employed at Lea Industries in Waynesville, where they live.

**Bryan Curtis '94 B.S.** has been named associate agent with Nationwide Insurance in Hickory. He lives in Morganton with his wife, Alani, and daughters, Elizabeth, 11, and Rebecca, 8.

**Ron Hager '94** has joined Carney Insurance Agency as an associate agent. He is an active member of Bethel Presbyterian Church and lives in Cornelius with his wife, Matha Kelly Hager.

**James David Harbison Jr. '94 B.S.** and **Kimberly Rene Padgett** were married June 14, 1997, in Shelby. He is employed at PPG Industries. She is employed by Belk in Shelby. They live in Shelby.

**Gladys Petty Whitaker '29** passed away September 25, 1997, in Shelby. She is survived by her husband, **Otis G. Whitaker '18.**

**Frances McCardwell '30 A.A.** passed away Oct. 10, 1997, at Crawley Memorial Hospital. She was 86.

**Mary Selma Propst Brackett '31 A.A.** passed away Dec. 10, 1997, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

**Mr. Audie Wake Bridges '34** died Oct. 21, 1997, at Grace Hospital in Morganton.

**Hayden Camp '34** passed away Dec. 20, 1996.

**Amos Greene '34** died Nov. 24, 1997, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, N.C.

**George W. Baker '35** died July 30, 1997, in Michigan. He was a three-sport athlete while at GWU.

**Benjamin Tillman Price '38 A.A.** passed away July 11, 1997, at his home in Waynesville.

**Doris Campbell Hawkins '42** died Dec. 12, 1997, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, N.C.

**Frank K. Arnette '50** passed away several years ago while living in Waynesville.

**James E. McGinnis '50** passed away Feb. 23, 1997, while living in Deland, Fla.

**Jack A. Walker '54** died June 3, 1997, at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

**Rev. Joe Richards '55** passed away Oct. 5, 1997, at his home in Forest City.

**Grover Hawkins '56** passed away at Rutherford Hospital Oct. 16, 1997.

**Harris Wesley Devine '57** died October 28, 1997, in a Darlington hospital.

**Horace Ledford '57** died Nov. 2, 1997, in Shelby. He was a past member of the GWU Board of Advisors and Alumni Board.

**Bill Bray '59** passed away Nov. 2, 1997, while living in Ormond Beach, Fla.

**The Rev. Elzaba Reese '60** passed away June 13, 1997 in a Greenville, Tenn. hospital.

**Edmond C. Kerr '62** of Cypress, Texas died July 20, 1997, at M.D. Anderson Hospital. He was 55 years old and is survived by his wife, three children and one grandchild.

**James T. Gillespie III '64** died on June 30, 1997.

**Paula Elizabeth Hook Sloan '75** passed away in 1993.

**The Rev. Dencil Lee Alsup '80** passed away while living in Lexington, S.C.

**Nina Faye Walsh Thompson '92 B.S.** died recently while living in Kernersville, N.C.

**Dr. Charles Wright Cox**, former GWU faculty member, died August 23, 1997, in Mary Immaculate Hospital, Newport News, Va.

**H. Max Craig Jr.**, a member of the GWU Board of Trustees, passed away June 25, 1997, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

**Hobart C. Smith**, a member of the GWU Board of Trustees for more than 30 years, passed away Nov. 29, 1997.

**Martha Pennell Huffman '94 B.A. GOAL** and William O. Huffman were married June 21, 1997, in the rose garden at Wilkes Community College. Both work with the N.C. Department of Correction. She is a probation officer. He is a correctional sergeant.

**Ruth Jarrell '94 B.S.** has been named director of Hospice in Alexander County. She previously served as interim director. She and

her husband, John, live in Taylorsville.

**Lawrence Mark Kennedy '94 B.A.** and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of their second son, Nathan Dail, born Oct. 18, 1997. Their first son, Jacob, is three. Larry is employed by The Cleveland Center. Shannon is director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at GWU. They live in Boiling Springs.

**Cynthia Alison Locke '94 B.S.** and David William Kase were married Sept. 13, 1997, in Gastonia, N.C. She is employed by the Gaston bureau of The Charlotte Observer. He is employed by Pinnix Inc. They live in Gastonia.

**Diane Maness '94 B.S.** has been appointed to the Board of Trustees for Montgomery Community College. She was appointed to a four-year term by Governor Jim Hunt.

**Bruce Mathis '94 B.A.** and Stephanie Weaver were married June 18, 1997, at Montego Bay, Jamaica. The couple is employed by Spartanburg County School District One. He is a graduate student at the University of South Carolina. She is a graduate student at Converse College. They live in Landrum, S.C.

**Brandt Austin May '94** and Wendy Renae Griffith were married Oct. 11, 1997, in Pisgah, Alabama. He is program director with Piedmont



## ARE YOU READY FOR A REUNION?

### Workshop Will Answer All Your Questions

The clear priority for the Office of Alumni Relations at Gardner-Webb is to provide opportunities for the University and its alumni to come together in ways that are beneficial to both.

Reunions are the obvious way for us to achieve that goal. During reunion events, our common objective is for you to recapture memories and experiences, rekindle friendships and relive the importance of Gardner-Webb in your lives – we call those the three “R’s” of reunions.

We are committed to assisting alumni in planning and producing successful reunion events by providing support in a number of ways. Managing publicity, handling logistics and making class information available are just a few of the things we can do and will do for you. But the key word is “assisting.” Alumni participation in the process is the main ingredient in planning successful events. Reunions do not happen without volunteer support.

Because well-informed volunteers are the best volunteers, we have planned a Reunion Volunteers’ Workshop, which will take place Saturday, March 14, 1998, on campus. Whether your class is in reunion this year or five years from now, you need to be a part of this workshop if you are interested in participating in the process of reunion planning. You will hear from reunion committee “veterans” who have planned some of the most successful events in Gardner-Webb history, and you will receive information that will be vital to your reunion planning efforts.

The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Bost-Smith Board Room in the Dover Campus Center with a general information/training session. From there we will move to lunch and follow that with sessions that are specific to your reunion. The workshop should end around 4 p.m. Best of all, the workshop is free.

Who should attend the workshop? Anyone interested in reuniting a special group of Gardner-Webb alumni should attend. Therefore, we encourage class officers, team captains, club/organization officers and SGA officers, among others, to attend.

If you would like to be a part of the Reunion Volunteer’s Workshop, please provide us with the information below as soon as possible. If you need more information, call Mickey Sharpe in the Alumni Relations Office at 704-434-4255. Prior to the workshop, a Reunion Planning Handbook will be mailed to everyone who registers.

Please include the following information:

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Your Class Year:

Your Address:

Your Phone:

Daytime Phone Number:

Reunion Group:

Names of potential reunion volunteers you may have already contacted:

Please mail your information to:

Mickey Sharpe

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

The Alumni House

Gardner-Webb University

Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Council Boy Scouts of America. She is head childrenswear designer for Patsy Aiken Designs in Raleigh. They live in Gastonia.

Melissa A. Nickels '94 M.A. has attained certification as a National

Michael Chad Watson '94 B.S. and Beverly Ann Cooper '94 B.S. were married May 17, 1997, in Canton. He is accounting/production clerk at Lea Industries in Waynesville. She is payroll coordinator with Healthcare

can e-mail him at:  
JCrook4bus@aol.com

Lauren K. Lee '93 is now a ninth-grade teacher with Gaston County Schools. She lives in Dallas. Her e-

Teresa Diane Hazel '92 B.S. and David Dean Cooper were married in June 1997, in Spartanburg. She is both employed and pursuing a master's degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also attending seminary and is employed



## DISPLAY GWU WITH PRIDE

Want to help spread the Gardner-Webb spirit? GWU is surveying its alumni and supporters to determine the interest in a University license tag that could be purchased for your automobiles. There would be an annual fee and we must have 300 commitments before the Department of Motor Vehicles will approve our design. A portion of the proceeds would benefit GWU. If you are interested, contact the Office of Alumni Relations by phone: 704-434-4255, or e-mail: [alumni@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:alumni@gardner-webb.edu).

Certified Counselor. She is a guidance counselor at Spindale Elementary School, a position she has held for three years.

Martha Jane Pennell '94 and William Orr Huffman Jr. were married June 21, 1997, in Taylorsville. She is a probation/parole officer and he is a correctional sergeant, both with the North Carolina Department of Correction. They live in Taylorsville.

Amy Whitaker Swink '94 B.S. and her husband, Trent, announce the birth of a daughter, Abby Love, born Sept. 9, 1997. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Carson Lea. The family lives in Mooresboro, N.C.

Sheila Oliver Thornton '94 B.S. has been named senior staff accountant with Butler Stowe CPAs of Gastonia.

Robin Yvonne Tucker '94 and Kevin Brent Amos were married Sept. 20, 1997, in Winston-Salem. She is a radiologic technologist at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem. He is an airline mechanic with U.S. Airways in Winston-Salem. They live in Winston-Salem.

Professionals in Asheville. They live in Waynesville.

Carolyn Yvonne Whiteside '94 B.S. and John Hood Plant Jr. were married Nov. 8, 1997, in Boiling Springs, N.C. She is a teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary School. He is employed by American Micrell. They live in Boiling Springs.

Laurie Dale Bass '93 B.S. and Steven Christopher Varley were married July 5, 1997, in Forest City. She is director of annual support at GWU. He is director of publications at GWU and owner and operator of MediaTrust. They live in Gilkey.

Sherri Dawn Beck '93 and Joseph "Joey" Michael Manno were married Aug. 3, 1997, in Lexington. She is employed with the Davidson County Department of Social Services. He is a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. They live in Lexington.

Patrick Colson '93 has joined Family Trust Federal Credit Union as a management trainee. He lives in Charlotte.

Jason Tyler Crook '93 has been named director of Research at Portfolio Marketing Group, a Philadelphia advertising agency. You

mail address is:  
[leel@gcs.gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:leel@gcs.gaston.k12.nc.us)

Angelia Lynn Roberts '93 is pursuing her masters degree at the College of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina. Her e-mail address is: [alrober@vm.sc.edu](mailto:alrober@vm.sc.edu).

Amy Lynne West '93 B.S. and James Carlton Orrell Jr. were married in October 1997 in Winston-Salem. She is an officer with the North Carolina Adult Probation and Parole. He is employed with PPG Industries. They live in Winston-Salem.

Eddie Cobb '92 M.A. was named head coach for the West team in the 50th annual East-West All-Star girls' basketball game. The game was played in July in Greensboro. Head coach of the Mount Airy High School girls' basketball team, Cobb has a record of 257-120.

Teresa "Tracy" Hazel Cooper '92 will graduate with a master's degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in December. She and David Dean Cooper were married June 21, 1997. He is studying for his master of divinity degree at Southern. Tracy also works at Southern.

at Majors Medical Supply in Louisville, Kentucky.

Maria Conner Queen '92 B.S. and Kevin Queen were married Aug. 2, 1997. She is QA process technician and he is quality engineer. The couple are employed by ITT Automotive. They live in Morganton.

Leigh-Ann Michelle Sutherland '92 A.A. and Stephen Todd Shrewsbury were married August 2, 1997, in Shelby. She is a registered nurse with the Birthplace at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is pursuing a degree in civil engineering.

Jacob Bryan Ballard '91 B.S. and Wendy Marie Hedgpeth were married Sept. 13, 1997, in Charlotte. The couple are employed by Microsoft Corp. They live in Charlotte.

Sharice Wilson Bowling '91 B.S. was named Top Sales Associate for September 1997 by Coldwell Banker Horn and Associates. She has been with the firm for more than one year and lives in Boiling Springs.

Dr. Joy E. Cole '91 B.S. and Joseph DeWayne Raney were married August 2, 1997, in Gastonia. She is



employed by Hay Clinic of Chiropractic. He is a police officer with the Gaston County Police Department. They live in Gastonia.

**Trent Ashley Jessup '91 B.A.** graduated from the Naval Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island on August 12, 1997. He spends summers in training teaching children's sermons on base and conducting services on a ship. He is an elementary school teacher in Mount Airy and pursues a master of divinity degree.

**Anne Marie Lawing '91 B.A.** and Paul Gregory Bame were married July 12, 1997, in Belmont. She is employed by Gaston Christian School at Catawba Heights and New Hope Baptist Church. He is employed at Gaston Memorial Hospital. They live in Belmont.

**J. Scott Pless '91** announces the birth of a son. Austin Scott Pless was born Sept. 22, 1997.

**Donna Marie Pritchard '91 B.A.** and Malcolm Todd Lowe were married May 31, 1997, in Charlotte. She is director of children and youth at First Baptist Church in Aberdeen. He is employed as an assistant agricultural extension agent with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

**Ann "Plu" Bostic Alexander '90 B.S.** and Alan Bart Chapman were married June 14, 1997, in Morganton. She is employed by Vocational Rehabilitation. He is employed by Pepsi-Cola. They live in Morganton.

**Penny Byrd Grit '90** is now teaching first and second grades at Ronda Clingman School in Wilkes County. She lives in Roaring River, N.C.

**Dorothy-Jane Cross Kozlowski '90 A.A.** lives in Lexington with her husband, John, and children. John is running against U.S. Representative Mel Watt in North Carolina's 12th District in the November 1998 election.

**Melodie Yancy '90 B.S.** is now a full-time business instructor at Caldwell

Community College. She previously taught part time at the college and received the Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award for 1997. She and her husband, Tom, live in Taylorsville.

**Kathy Foster Young '90** is a fifth-grade teacher with North Elementary School in Colonial Heights, Va. Her husband, Sam, is a police officer with the Colonial Heights Police Department. You can e-mail her at: SKY4EM@ad.com

## GRIDIRON LEGEND CALLS IT QUILTS

### Alum Left Mark On High School Football

Jim Taylor '66 ended one of the most successful head coaching stints in North Carolina high school football history when he officially announced his retirement from the Shelby High School program in January. Although stepping down from his coaching duties, Taylor will continue as Shelby's athletic director and continue to teach as well.

For 21 years, Taylor guided one of the most efficient, disciplined and feared high school programs in the state, finishing his stellar head coaching career with a total of 229 wins against only 66 losses. Taylor, who began his career at Polk High, reached 201 wins with the Shelby program and had 28 wins with the Polk program.

Shelby High enjoyed two state championships under Taylor, along with two state runner-up finishes, 10 conference championships and a .782 winning percentage. His teams were perennially characterized by a swarming defense and ground-oriented offense. For years, Taylor employed a wishbone attack and only recently had adjusted to a more wide-open strategy, one that nearly won him his third state championship in what turned out to be his last game as head coach.

"It's time for someone else to take this job for 20 years," he said upon resigning. "I feel honored to have been given this job. I feel like I've carried it well, but now it's time to give it up to a younger coach that's got the energy. I've reached the stage in life where I'd like to do other things."

Taylor garnered many fans throughout the Shelby region for not only his winning attitude, but also for his no-nonsense approach to leading high school young men. Shelby City Schools superintendent Dr. Steve Curtis said simply, "He's in a class by himself."

Curtis added, "I'm glad my boys played for him. They learned a tremendous amount from Jim Taylor about a philosophy of life and hard work. Jim has made a significant contribution to countless lives and has extended the tradition of excellence at Shelby High School."

Taylor was only the third football coach at Shelby since the school opened in 1924. A native of Macon County (NC), Taylor starred for Gardner-Webb Junior College in football from 1964-66.

(Editor's Note: The Shelby Star and Charlotte Observer contributed to this article.)

### THE TAYLOR YEARS AT SHELBY

1977	10-1
1978	8-2
1979	7-3
1980	7-3
1981	7-3
1982	7-3
1983	11-2
1984	12-1
1985	10-2
1986	13-1-1; 3A title
1987	14-1; 3A title
1988	12-2-1; 3A runner-up
1989	11-3
1990	4-6
1991	8-3
1992	8-2
1993	10-4
1994	7-4
1995	13-2
1996	8-5
1997	14-1; 2A runner-up
Totals	201-54-2

Overall (229-66-2; includes four years at Polk High)

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